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Boost For Academics...

Coordinator For Curriculum To Be Named Soon

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At his first School Committee meeting since taking over as the superintendent of schools, Dr. Frank Ameruso delivered on his promise to give his immediate attention to hiring the school district's first Director of Curriculum and Professional Development.

Under fire from parents critical of declining test scores on both the state assessment testing and the SAT's for college-bound students, the School Committee tabled a resolution submitted by Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson creating the position of curriculum director at the request of retiring Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder last year.

Ryder had asked that the committee delay action on a curriculum specialist to allow his successor the opportunity to design the position and select the curriculum director.

At its Tuesday, September 10th meeting, the School Committee unanimously agreed to accept Ameruso's recommendation to include responsibility for professional development in the job title and description.

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AGAWAM TEACHERS are all smiles on their first full day back to school at the Annual Agawam Education Association meeting the day before the kids came back. From left - Judy Hogan, Thais Wright, Donna Ormsby, Joan Casella, Josette Bouchie, Nancy Hellquist, Gail Brunelle, and Maynard Baker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS ALWAYS A SPECIAL ONE FOR PARENTS AND KIDS. In photo left, elementary students heading for Phelps School wait for the bus at the corner of Kensington and Mill Streets in Feeding Hills. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Katelyn and Matthew Yelinek wait for the bus on Tracy Drive. Both attend Phelps School. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATE Abe Kasparian (left) discusses a bill with State Representative Daniel F. Keenan that would require vacant county commission seats to be filled by the runner-up in the last contested election when a commissioner resigns or dies while in office. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

On County Commission...

Kasparian Asks Keenan To File Bill On Vacancies

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is preparing legislation that could change the way vacancies are filled on county commissions across the state.

Keenan said he expects to file a bill for consideration during the legislative session beginning in January 1997 that would require vacant county commission seats be filled by the runner-up in the last contested election when a commissioner resigns or dies while in office.

Under current rules governing county commission vacancies, county commissioners can appoint a candidate to fill a temporary vacancy caused by illness or conflict of interest. But the current statute is unclear as to how an actual vacancy should be filled, Keenan said.

"My proposal would be specific to a vacancy, not a commission seat temporarily vacant," Keenan said.

Keenan said he became involved in looking at the rules governing county commissions at the request of Agawam resident Abe Kasparian, a candidate for the Hampden County Commission.

Kasparian maintains that the seat on the Hampden County Commission being filled by appointee Athan Catjakis (in the absence of Commissioner Thomas O'Connor) should have gone to the next highest vote-getter in the last election.

"Richard Sullivan, Sr. of Westfield got 16 percent of the vote in 1992," Kasparian said. "If anyone had a mandate for the position, it was Sullivan."

Keenan said his proposal would not affect the ability of county commissioners to make appointments to fill temporary absences.

Keenan said his bill would balance the needs of preserving the democratic process without putting counties through the expense of a special election in the event of a county commission vacancy.

"By going to the next highest vote-getter, we're going back to the democratic process and giving the people the power to make their decision," Keenan said.

Keenan said there was no way to predict when action might be taken on the bill once the legislative session begins.

"There will be debate on this and I'm sure other people will have other ideas," Keenan said. "There are no guarantees it will become law."

If enacted into law, the bill would have no effect on the results of this year's election.

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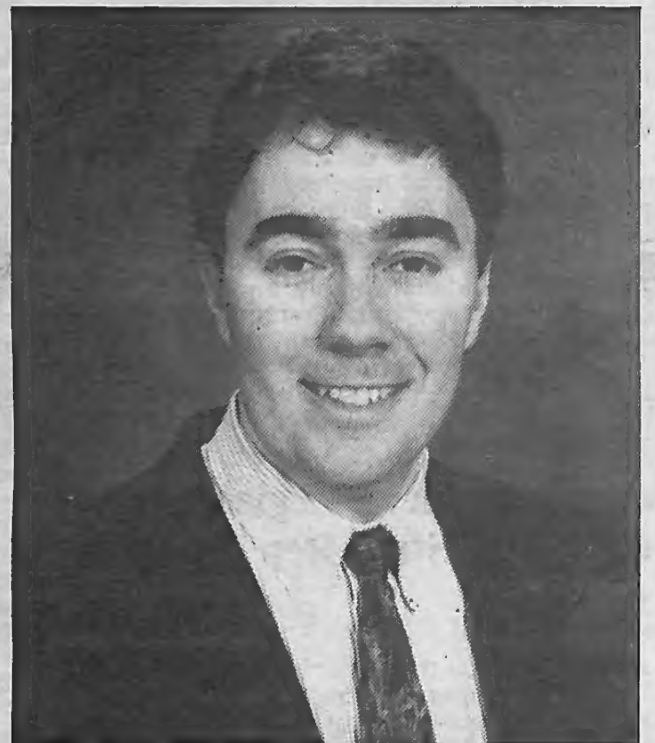
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Letters To The Editor

Friends Of Senior Center Thank Agawam Melody Band

To The Editor:

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Agawam Melody Band for their most generous donation to "Friends." Their generosity enables "Friends" to continue funding programs and projects for the Agawam Senior Center to benefit our senior residents.

The Agawam Melody Band has provided hours of musical enjoyment not only for Agawam's seniors, but throughout the area as well. We salute the band for enriching our community and for promoting Agawam's seniors.

Thank you,
Friends of the Agawam Senior Center
Joanne H. Willis,
Membership & Publicity Chairman

Agawam Parent Has Much Praise For New Crossing Guard

To The Editor:

The first day of school is over and I would like to express my appreciation to our new crossing guard for making it such a pleasant experience for the Clark School walkers.

Just as it is probably so important to those who ride the bus to feel good about their bus drivers, it is also good for the walkers to feel familiar and secure with their crossing guard. And Helene Gates was perfect!

I was so impressed by her friendliness yet sternness with each of the children as they arrived at the crosswalk. She greeted them; told them her name; asked them theirs; then told them her rules.

The kids responded favorably, and we are off to a good start to happy and safe crossings for the school year 1996-1997!

A grateful parent,
Korby Bowman-Clark
Agawam

Kasparian Seeks Legislative Help From State Rep. Keenan

To The Editor:

Dear Rep. Keenan:

I am sending you this letter to address the article in the newspaper on Monday, August 5, 1996, regarding the appointment of Sacco Catjakis as a replacement for Mr. Thomas O'Connor, who is reportedly so ill as to be unable to finish his term.

It appears to me from this article, that the County Commissioners have not been able to find an appropriate replacement. As a result, I have spoken to many of the 23 cities and towns in Hampden County on how they handle a vacancy in their selectmen, councilors, and aldermen.

I found that 18 of the towns who have selectmen are regulated by MGL 41:10 which calls for a special election if 200 registered voters or 20 percent of the registered voters of the town — whichever is lesser — petition for one; however, it has become customary for some of these towns to automatically call for a special election. Of the five cities in the County, I spoke with Springfield and Westfield, who have adopted a policy that should there be a vacancy in the selectmen the next highest vote-getting candidate from the previous election for the office is appointed.

The cost of a special election to fill a vacancy for a County Commissioner would be financially burdensome to many small towns within a County. However, there remains the need for a democratic process to insure against the perception of impropriety and to dispel any rumor of a "good old boy network."

Therefore, I would urge the State Legislators to draft a bill to set a policy much like that of the cities of Springfield and Westfield where a candidate who has gone through the nomination process and who was the next highest vote-getter for County Commissioner from that previous election would be the person to be appointed in the event of a vacancy or illness until the next regular election.

If the above proposed policy was in effect, Richard K. Sullivan, Sr. of Westfield would have the first option to be appointed as Hampden County Commissioner as a replacement for Thomas O'Connor, as he was the third highest vote-getter in the last race for Hampden County Commissioner.

It appears that the only mention dealing with the appointment of a substitute for a County Commissioner is stated in MGL 34:12. This section appears to apply for very brief absences only or for a temporary substitute in the event of a disqualification of a commissioner to vote on an issue because of interest in a question. I feel that this section is vague at best and should be modified to include procedures for more long-term replacements.

My suggestion is that if a Commissioner is absent for 60 days, then at that time the Commissioners would be required to offer the post first to the next highest vote-getter from the previous election. If that person does not accept the appointment, the next highest vote-getter would be next in line until all who ran for the office in the previous election have been exhausted.

In the event that there were no other candidates for the office from the last election or if the next highest vote-getters from the previous election choose not to accept the office, the remaining Commissioners would then be free to appoint a replacement from the general population. This appointment must also be subject to the residency requirements in which no two commissioners can reside in the same city or town to insure balance of representation and file their statement with the State Ethics Commission as all candidates for office do.

After appointment, the substitute would remain in office until the elected Commissioner is able to return or until the next regular election, whichever occurs first. The substitute commissioner would have all duties, powers, and compensation of the absent Commissioner while in office.

Given the scenario that Hampden County is now facing with the vacancy caused by Mr. O'Connor's reported illness and the inability of the appointee, Athan (Sacco) Catjakis, to vote or sign documents because of the residency exclusion, I would urge the State Legislators to take immediate action in drafting a bill in order to set a standard for the replacement of County Commissioners that would be clearly spelled out in law.

Another issue that I would like the State Legislators to address is dealing with the open meeting laws as stated in MGL 34:9G. It has been

recorded in the Springfield Union News that the Hampden County Commissioners tried to refuse the use of a tape recorder at their public meeting in spite of MGL 34:9G which states "...A meeting of a governmental body may be recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder or any other means of sonic reproduction except when a meeting is held in executive session;..."

Furthermore, there was a violation of the open meeting laws by the Hampden County Commissioners in failing to respond to a request for copies of the minutes of their executive session as MGL 34:9G also states that:

"...A governmental body shall maintain accurate records of its meetings, setting forth the date, time, place, members present or absent and action taken at each meeting, including executive sessions. The records of each meeting shall become a public record and be available to the public; provided, however, that the records of any executive session may remain secret as long as publication may defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session, but no longer. All votes taken in executive sessions shall be recorded roll call votes and shall become a part of the record of said executive sessions."

The commissioners should be aware of these requirements of the open meeting laws as covered in this section of law as this law goes on to state that:

"upon qualification for office following an appointment or election to a governmental body a member shall be furnished by the county commissioners with a copy of this section. Each such member shall sign a written acknowledgment that he has been provided with such a copy."

I feel that violations of this type will keep happening because the law dealing with open meetings in this section does not impose any penalty for violations other than an admonishment by the District Attorney and a lesson in the appropriate procedures in holding open meetings.

I recently spoke to a Ms. Lauren Inker in the Commonwealth's Public Records Division who told me that her office does not have the power of discovery, subpoena, contempt, or any other compelling power to insure compliance of these open meeting laws concerning records. Therefore, I feel the State Legislators should add penalties for violating the open meeting laws.

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At Grace Lutheran Church,
1552 Westfield Street, W. Spfld.
7:30 p.m.
Call 736-3238 or 739-7923

Tuesday, September 17th
Agawam Junior Women's Club
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.
(Topic - monthly programs & projects)
Refreshments

Thursday, September 19th
"Back To School Night"
at Agawam High School
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These penalties should be levied against the individual who actively violated the open meeting law or allowed for the violation by his/her inaction. The penalties should be for the first violation a \$200.00 fine per individual, a second violation would incur a \$400.00 fine, a third violation would be \$1,000.00 and any further violation would result in removal of that individual from office.

Please understand that these are merely suggestions and healthy open debate should take place on these issues to insure open government. This letter deals with violations by the Hampden County Commissioners, but there are violations in city and town open meetings as well.

I respectfully request that you act on these issues as soon as possible. It is my opinion that these should be bipartisan issues to insure open and clean government.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully proposed by
Abe Kasparian,

Candidate for Hampden County Commissioner

Resident Urges Voters To Support Abe Kasparian

To The Editor:

To The Citizens Of Agawam:

Next Tuesday, September 17th, the Democratic Primary will be held for Hampden County Commissioner. Agawam is indeed fortunate to have one of its citizens seeking a seat on the Board of Hampden County Commissioners (first Agawam citizen ever).

Abe Kasparian has campaigned in each town and city in Hampden County (no other candidate has done this) and has spoken before most of the town legislative bodies, as well as State Legislators in Hampden County, with regards to Hampden County government.

In so doing, Abe had demonstrated using his business knowledge to formulate a very workable and viable plan for restructuring Hampden County government (no other candidate has done so) and to placing it back to solvency.

His plan will lead to a reduction of taxes on each Agawam taxpayer as well as the rest of Hampden County taxpayers. His plan is both simple and visionary and, in fact, is the only plan that

has been presented to the voters.

Abe has left very little doubt in anyone's mind in his efforts to restore accountability, honesty, and fiscal integrity to Hampden County government (again the only candidate to do so).

I am very confident Abe will work in the best interest of ALL the citizens of Hampden County.

Please join with me on Tuesday, September 17th, in electing Abe Kasparian to the Board of Hampden County Commissioners.

Respectfully,
**Karl H. Stieg
Agawam**

P.S.: Remember, registered Independent voters may also vote in the Democratic Primary.

Agawam Should Not "Submit" To ANY Foreign Corporation

To The Editor:

I have not contributed a "Letter to the Editor" for nearly a year, but I still have environmental and moral concerns about what I see happening to our community. I want to address a moral concern.

When "Berkshire Power" came to town, I thought back to the 70's "energy crunch" and a time when I worked firing large boilers. The plant I worked in had four boiler rooms, one of which had the option (by turning a key) to switch to natural gas. Natural gas was never used, even though there was an energy crisis.

It was economically unfeasible even when stricter environmental rules were enforced because oil was still plentiful and cheaper than natural gas. The same relative positions exist today. So how can we believe "Berkshire Power" when they tell us that their plant will burn oil and pollute our town only on rare occasions.

"Berkshire Power's" sole purpose for existing is to make as much money as possible for their European corporate owners. This would include operating the plant as cheaply as possible. It would be impossible for "Berkshire Power" to make maximum profits without minimizing expenses that include the lowest cost energy sources.

It is especially questionable as to how "Berkshire Power" will make its maximum profits since it will be owned and operated by a foreign European corporation. Further, how do we know how their money is actually obtained? What a convenient way this might be to legitimize money

coming into the United States.

In any event, after all this time, "Berkshire Power" is no further along than when they first came to Agawam. They still have no permits, they continue to lose their court appeals, and they continue to be exposed for what they really are.

Even worse for them, their supporters are becoming fewer, the elected officials that continue to support them are showing their true sides and are losing favor, and their opponents continue to increase their supporters and financial backers.

How much longer will it be before "Berkshire Power" realizes that they can't buy our town with spruce trees, minimum school assistance, or anything else other than honesty? How much longer will it be before our elected officials who support "Berkshire Power" begin supporting their constituents?

In any event, why should any city or town in the United States of America submit to having its political and civic life dominated by ANY foreign corporation or company!!!

Sincerely,
**Walter P. Harrington
Feeding Hills**

Kasparian Urges Residents To Go The Polls On Sept. 17th

To The Editor:

Well, Hampden County Commission Chairman Richard Thomas is at it again. Last week, I asked for the minutes of the meetings of the Hampden County Commissioners for the last six months of 1995. On September 4th, I received their reply to my request which reads:

Dear Mr. Abe Kasparian:

The minutes of the Hampden County Commissioners' Meetings have been turned over to the County Counsel as announced today. They will be available when he has studied them.

Sincerely,
**Richard S. Thomas
Chairman**

HAMPDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

I did read in the *Union News* that the County Attorney, Daniel Kelly, would be reviewing the minutes. However, he should be reviewing COPIES of the minutes so that the original minutes are still available to the public for review or to be copied.

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I also find it more than coincidental that the *Union News* noted that the County Attorney would be finished reviewing the minutes on September 17, 1996 — the day of the Primary which will serve as Election Day for the County Commission! Could they be concerned with what else might show up in these minutes?

On September 17th, we have the opportunity to open the doors to this secret society called County Government. Together we can make a difference. I hope to see you at the polls on September 17th.

Thank you for your support.

Abe Kasparian

Candidate for Hampden County Commissioner

P.S.: I could also use sign holders at the polls. If you are interested, please give me a call at (413) 789-4901.

CCBA's Ziti Supper Is A Very Successful Fundraiser

To The Editor:

On September 5th, the Concerned Citizens and

Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) held a Ziti Supper. The result was a substantial deposit into the legal fund to continue to fight Berkshire Power.

We would like to thank the community for their growing support. The businesses and private citizens who donated food, raffle prizes, gift certificates, paper products, and a magician certainly made the entire evening enjoyable and successful.

The list is too numerous to mention everyone, but you all know who you are and we thank you. A special thanks goes to Joe Conte, who not only knows the Zoning Laws but is a great Italian chef. All the CCBA members who volunteered their time helping from start to finish deserve a round of applause.

The response to the Ziti Supper was overwhelming and we could not have had such a successful fundraiser without any of you. The next fundraiser will be a golf tournament at Crestview Country Club with more details to follow in *The AAN*.

Sincerely,
Susan Amabile
Barbara Peterson
Feeding Hills

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

HAMPDEN SS.

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Charter Review Will Better Serve The Public's Interest

To The Editor:

While I can well understand the temptation on the part of some to lash out and bloody the nose of The House of Lords, I believe the genuine intent of the forces behind a renewed effort to reduce their numbers is not so benign as they suggest.

"Consensus" in this instance appears in fact a code word for Mayoral hegemony, the pursuit of which involves a far less diverse City Council. In its lack of diversity, said body shall inevitably reflect only the views of the most organized and vocal plurality, rather than a representative cross-section of our Town's citizenry.

The City Councilors themselves, in any such a homogenized body, shall inevitably be the most well-heeled or machine oriented. In fact, it is my contention that such an effort is intended to remove political office from the realm of financial feasibility for most residents, in order to promote the views of a certain political establishment.

We have already seen this to be the case in the demolition of ward representation, as many residents have discovered a certain political powerlessness associated with their geographical situation. Residents of a great many sensitive areas in our Town are no doubt amazed by their lack of effective representation within the body, now.

Genuine democracy has always been a very messy process, as it involves a clash of incongruent interests and viewpoints. To cleanse the City Council of any such contentiousness serves only those interests who could effectively purchase such an arrangement, to the detriment of us all. We could better serve the public's interest through charter review, followed by the restoration of those original 15 seats.

Sincerely,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

How The Charter Is Changed Or Revised Is Important

To The Editor:

The proposed reduction in the size of the council has been defeated. I am not writing for or against the reductions, only the method and hastiness in which the council had been asked to make those changes.

A public hearing that addresses the very issue of changes in the council, as well as any other charter revisions, will be held in the next few weeks. Therefore, a vote on the Mayor's request had to be defeated. The simple reason is that the council cannot vote on a measure before the public hearing is held on the subject of that measure.

The law dictates that a public hearing must be held if 50 or more registered voters request one. In this case, nearly 70 voters signed the petition. Far more than the Mayor's single person petition. Thus, the only course of action was to vote the Mayor's measure down. Voting the measure down also allows the council to consider other options once the public hearing is complete. If after the public hearings, the council chooses to go along with the Mayor's proposal, fine. If not, then the council still has the flexibility to decide on other methods that might be proposed.

The Mayor and the sole petitioner have stated that they want the council reduced as a way of eliminating any popularity contests and to make it easier to reach a consensus. The fact is, all elec-

tions, by their very nature and by definition, are popularity contests. Also, what does reducing the size of the council have to do with reaching a consensus?

Logical proof shows us it is not the size of the council, but the quality of the people elected to the council that counts. Instead of being elected because they care and are competent, candidates are, unfortunately, too often elected because of the number of babies they kiss, the hands they shake, or the false personas they put on to fool the voters. In the past few years, a few councilors have shown us just such cases in point. Especially where the present council is concerned.

The majority of the present council has been given a bum rap because they have tried to do what has been in the best interest of Agawam's citizens. Their refusal to give into outside special interests groups that control the Mayor and at least three members of this council is constantly criticized by those councilors who have sold out.

The constant disruptive behavior by at least one member of the council and the Mayor's constant stonewalling to prevent the council from performing their legal functions, is reason enough to at least look into forming an elected charter review commission.

Only then can the residents of Agawam be assured adequate and unbiased representation in terms of changing the council and rewriting the charter. Remember, how we change or revise the charter is of extreme importance because any changes will be the rules by which we must live under for decades to come and beyond.

Thank You,
Louis J. Russo
Feeding Hills

CCBA Gets More Support As The Facts Come Out

To The Editor:

We must compare apples to apples. To compare Berkshire Power's proposed height violations with the High School, Riverside Park, and Bondi's Island is ridiculous.

First of all, the smoke stack at the High School is there for the purpose of keeping our children warm. If a school were to be proposed at the Berkshire Power site, do you think we would object? Of course not! A school in the neighborhood would increase property values. We are convinced that a power plant in the neighborhood would decrease property values.

Riverside Park is the granddaddy of amusement parks in all of New England. Riverside Park has been in Agawam since the early 1900's. That's even longer than Ed Caba's been in Agawam! There was no such thing as a "height restriction" when Riverside was first built.

Last but not least is Bondi's Island. Why would anybody want to compare Bondi's Island to any new incoming business? If I were a proponent of the power plant, the last thing I'd compare Berkshire Power with is Bondi's Island. But the fact is that Bondi's Island and Berkshire Power do have a few things in common. Both pollute our air, both are or would be eyesores to the town, and both would have the only in lieu of tax agreement with Agawam.

We know that the in lieu of tax deal with Bondi's Island is not a good deal for Agawam. Mayor Johnson says that his in lieu of tax deal with Berkshire Power is a good one. But Mayor Johnson doesn't have the guts to allow an independent expert to look at it.

I agree with Laurie that our town must generate more capital. The difference between us is that the proponents cannot see beyond the million dollars. We opponents want the zoning laws upheld as they were written. We don't want the added pollution. Proponents don't seem to care.

We feel that wasting 1.5 million gallons of drinking water a day is too high a price to pay. Proponents won't even address the water issue. We ask about access roads for the big oil tankers. Berkshire Power is silent. We want to preserve the character of the town. Proponents say, "Wake up. Agawam is a city!"

I say that just because you have a mayor and a municipality type government, you don't have to change your small-town character. Yes, more capital is always needed. This Industrial Park can and will generate revenue without the eyesore of a power plant.

I also have to agree with Laurie when she said that it's hard to distinguish the opponents of the power plant from the members of the CCBA. That could not have been more apparent than last Thursday at the CCBA ziti supper/fundraiser.

We sold over 250 tickets and served over 220 meals. It became evident at 6:30 p.m. that we were going to run out of meatballs, salad, and bread. We apologize if people couldn't get extra meatballs or a second salad. We were overwhelmed with the response and support. Thanks to all who participated. Next time we'll have to get a bigger hall and extra food.

Yes, indeed, it's very hard to tell the difference between the CCBA members and opponents of the power plant because our numbers are so great! We are not only opposed to the power plant, but the way the process has been abused by Mayor Johnson and town solicitors.

The reason we are gaining strength, popularity, money, and momentum is because we're right. The more the facts and truth come out, the more support the CCBA gets.

Ken Fornl
Agawam

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Magovern Outlines Vision For A High Technology Park

In a campaign statement issued this week, Robert A. Magovern, Agawam's candidate for State Representative, outlined his vision for a high technology park.

Magovern stated, "A State Representative must have a vision for the future. It must be built upon a solid foundation to develop a plan for continued economic growth and development. We have a successful Agawam Industrial Park. The new logical step is to plan and complete a high technology park. With Agawam's central location and abundant resources, there is no reason why we cannot achieve such a goal if it is properly planned."

Magovern went on to state, "Agawam has never received its fair share of high technology development. These types of businesses don't come to a region by accident. They come because someone invited them and worked to develop a climate hospitable to development."

"A high technology park," he continued, "would complement the Agawam Industrial Park and bring in the tax dollars needed for our educational system. Also, I envision our school system becoming involved in the technology park, giving students first-hand knowledge and experience in the actual fields they are going to be seeking jobs in. By having this park in Agawam, access to new ideas and developing technologies will be able to enrich not only the business community but also our school system."

"If elected State Representative," said Magovern, "I will have the ability to work with the Governor's office, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, and local officials to achieve this goal. Using my experience growing up in Agawam and graduating from Boston University, I have the ability to help lead the way to achieve this worthy goal."

"There is no reason why Agawam can not have its share of the high-tech industries that are located around Boston on Rt. 128," he concluded.

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Moreno's Public Hearing Put On Ice By Council Until Oct. 21st

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The on-again, off-again public hearing to determine whether there has been a misuse of public funds is off again—at least until October 21st.

At their September 3rd meeting, the Town Council voted to postpone the hearing until an attorney can be present to represent the council at a public hearing petitioned for by former Town Councilor Valentine Moreno on behalf of 59 registered voters.

Abstaining from the vote were Councilors Christian Quatrone and Joseph Langone. Voting in favor were Council Vice President Jill Simpson and Councilors Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, David Skolnick, Kent Servis, and Dennis Perry.

Councilor George Bitzas voted against postponing the hearing.

Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilor Thomas Ennis were absent.

Despite a recommendation from a three-member sub-committee, composed of Councilors Kent Servis, Dennis Perry, and Joseph Langone to hire Springfield attorney and former Judge John Moriarty to represent the council, the council was unable to reach a decision at a special meeting held in July.

Filling in as the council's presiding officer, Mrs. Simpson ruled that since the special meeting had been adjourned, it could not be reopened on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Simpson then ruled that the issue of hiring an attorney had not been submitted for considera-

tion at Tuesday's meeting and the item must be postponed.

Servis entered a tabling motion to postpone the hearing indefinitely (until such time as an attorney could be hired). He later amended the motion to the council's second meeting in October at Suffriti's urging.

"What happens if you don't have a majority of the council vote for an attorney?" Suffriti said. "We should set a date. I don't like to indefinitely table this."

Bitzas argued against tabling the public hearing in favor of allowing the petitioners to speak so that the council could determine if there was a need for an attorney to represent the council.

"I have no problem with hiring an attorney, but we have to hold the public hearing to hear the accusations and see if there is something serious. Then we hire an attorney to conduct an inquiry," Bitzas said.

Caba said the longer the council stalls the public hearing, the more ridiculous the situation would be.

"This item is not going away," Caba said. "We're going to have to deal with it one way or another. There are going to be some touchy things coming out and I hope the allegations are not true. Still, the sponsors of this item deserve to be heard."

Bitzas agreed with Caba. "Let's go forward with this."

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Sen. Melconian Says Education Reform Is Showing Positive Signs

"Agawam is just beginning to benefit from Education Reform, and I could not be more pleased with the improved technology, upgraded facilities, and challenging curricula that students in the school district will now enjoy," said Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield).

Agawam's state aid increased over \$860,000 in just one year, enabling the town to significantly improve its academic services.

According to Agawam Associate Superintendent Don Charest, Agawam will purchase approximately \$300,000 in new computers and software in the next several months, a staggering increase over the \$7,000 spent in FY '96.

A three-year technology program — approved by the Agawam School Committee before the budget funding was announced — will now be completed in a single year. The program includes networking, new applications, and the upgrading of out-of-date computer systems. All of the new computers will have Internet capabilities designed to supplement textbook and other reference materials.

"Technology is the wave of the future, and we must prepare our children for this unstoppable and exciting trend," Melconian said. "Agawam has shown a strong commitment to upgrade its technology, which should place the school district among the elite in Massachusetts in computer and information technology."

The increase in funding will also enable Agawam to purchase \$100,000 in new textbooks and \$75,000 in classroom furniture, both substantial increases.

Agawam has experienced previous shortfalls in state funding. Combined with other positive reforms, such as school councils for parents and students and the more stringent curriculum requirements, under the FY '97 allotment, Agawam is now beginning to receive appreciable benefits from Ed Reform.

Agawam is also looking forward to school renovations on its four elementary schools. Through the School Building Assistance Program, Agawam's Phelps Elementary School received state reimbursement starting in FY '97. The other three elementary schools should be eligible for state reimbursement beginning in FY '98.

According to Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson, the town expects to bond for the projects in January. He hopes construction will commence in the spring and the buildings should be completed by September 1998.

Under the SBAP, communities are eligible for state reimbursement for a percentage of the total cost of the projects. The program is designed to improve the academic facilities throughout the state.

"The School Building Assistance Program is a wonderful example of how the state and the town of Agawam can form a partnership to improve the quality of our school buildings," Melconian said.

"The building renovations and the improvements in technology and curricula should vault Agawam into one of the premier academic communities in Massachusetts, and provide our kids with the educational tools necessary to compete in the 21st century."

Agawam Police Dept. ARREST BLOTTER

On August 26, 1996, David Bellefeville of 23 Wigwam Place, Springfield, was arrested and charged with poss. of a class "D" substance.

On August 29, 1996, Daniel Kaufman of 459 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with procuring alcohol for a minor.

On August 29, 1996, Kerry Reopel of 110 Elm Street was arrested and charged with poss. of a class "D" substance.

On August 29, 1996, Gary Winn of 1125 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On August 29, 1996, Daniel Clowes of 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On August 30, 1996, Matthew Wlechech of 333 Mass. Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

On August 30, 1996, Veronica Boulay of 25 Yantic Street, Yantic, CT, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person.

On September 2, 1996, Fred Lavertue of 48 Birchwood Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Mass. Trial Warrant.

On September 2, 1996, Ian Urch of 50 Russell Avenue, Suffield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On September 4, 1996, Jeffrey Eades of 6 Sunset Terrace, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

On September 5, 1996, Michael Overson of 23 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery, assault & battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

On September 5, 1996, Linda Lecuyer of 23 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery, assault & battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

On September 6, 1996, Rick Gatts of 35 Indian Leap Street, Indian Orchard, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

On September 7, 1996, Daniel Asselin of 97 Bradford Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and assault & battery on a police officer.

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Ameruso said professional development goes hand-in-hand with curriculum development and curriculum delivery.

Ameruso said, "I think we have the qualifications and salary to attract the kind of person we want. I will be advertising the position within a week and interviewing within a month."

Having served as the director of curriculum/instruction in the Deer Lakes School District of Pennsylvania for four years, Ameruso said he felt fortunate to have the background to know what issues needed to be addressed by the new curriculum director.

"If the person we hire has the wherewithal to hit the ground running, they should be self-determined enough to tell me what they need to do," Ameruso said.

The director of Curriculum and Professional Development will report directly to the superintendent and is expected to have office space in the central office. The salary range for the new position is \$46,529 to \$52,282, the same rate as assistant principals at the Middle School or Junior High School.

Ameruso said he is looking for candidates with a master's degree in curriculum supervision and a minimum of five years successful teaching experience in a public school, in addition to expertise in professional staff development.

The position will be advertised in national education journals as well as in local and regional newspapers.

"Friends" Of Senior Ctr. Seeking Nominees For Friendship Award

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is seeking nominations for its annual Friendship Award. The award honors an outstanding individual who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism on behalf of Agawam's seniors.

If you know of someone who has helped to benefit the lives of our senior citizens and the Senior Center, please consider submitting his/her name in nomination for the Friendship Award.

The recipient must be an Agawam resident and at least 60 years of age. Married couples will be considered.

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Keenan Announces That Cultural Grants Are Now Available

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan announced recently that public programs in the arts, humanities, and sciences will receive grants awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency.

These grants will go to area cultural organizations, artists, and towns, helping the community's cultural life to thrive and increasing the role of cultural development in education reform and economic development. Funding for these grants comes from the Legislature's fiscal year 1997 budget appropriation and continues a tradition of public support for culture in Massachusetts.

Rep. Keenan and Joanne L. Condon, chairperson of the Agawam Cultural Council, are pleased to announce the allocation of \$17,441 for the Agawam Cultural Council. The MCC allocates money to 336 local cultural councils that serve every corner of the Commonwealth. Each community's allocation is determined using a Local Aid formula.

The local councils, which are run by municipally appointed community volunteers, will regrant money to fund applications for community cultural programs and a children's ticket subsidy program called PASS.

"The local grants are vital to maintaining the rich cultural and economic life of our community," said Rep. Keenan. "I want to commend the residents who generously volunteer their time to work on the council in order to make quality cultural programs available in Agawam."

Organizations and individuals interested in applying for grants should contact the local council chairperson in their community for more information. Tuesday, October 15, 1996 is the statewide deadline for all local cultural councils to accept applications. The Agawam Town Hall can provide the council chair's phone number.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...

Keenan Opposes An Increase In Medex Insurance Premiums

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan recently co-sponsored a House resolution filed by Rep. Robert A. DeLeo in an effort to block Blue Cross/Blue Shield's proposed increase in premiums for their Medex health insurance plans. A staunch advocate for elderly issues in the Legislature, Rep. Keenan once again took steps to fight against this latest assault on senior citizens.

"I am strongly opposed to any increase in the Medex program at this time. Many of our seniors are financially strapped living on fixed incomes, and any increase in their health insurance premiums will force them to have to choose between health care and other necessities," stated Rep. Keenan.

Rep. Keenan's resolution, which passed unanimously in the House, urges Division of Insurance Commissioner Linda Ruthardt to deny Blue Cross/Blue Shield's request to increase costs for their Medex programs, including a 30 percent increase in Medex Gold. This premium request comes after an over 20 percent increase in Medex gold premiums last year, which forced 26,000 seniors off of Medex.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield cites a loss of \$20 million this past year and a continual decline in membership since 1991 as justification for these proposed increases. According to Rep. Keenan, it appears Blue Cross/Blue Shield is caught in a "death spiral," where premiums rise and subscribers drop out forcing premiums higher and in turn, force more subscribers to drop out. Therefore, any further increases in premiums will result in more uninsured elderly.

Rep. Keenan concluded, "As the fight for our senior citizens persists, my colleagues and I will continue to work with Commissioner Ruthardt, the insurance industry, and our seniors to ensure adequate and affordable health insurance for all of our elderly."

Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Wed., September 18th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 8/29/96; Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 9/3/96 (Prop. Con't of 8/29/96 mtg.); Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 9/3/96.
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - (a) Resolutions
 1. TR-96-26-Resolution Confirming the Appointments of George J. Schlagel, 490 North Westfield St., FH, MA for a Term to Expire April 1, 1997; Jay R. O'Sullivan, 103 Sherl Lane, Aga., MA for a Term to Expire April 1, 1998; and the Reappointment of Edward A. Kellogg, 173 North Westfield St., FH, MA for a Term to Expire April 1, 1998 to the Veteran's Council (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - None.
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-96-7-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Sec. 7C (8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Personnel Director)(Pres. Thompson, Coun. Langone & Caba)(1st Reading).
 2. TO-96-26-Voucher List (\$4,000).

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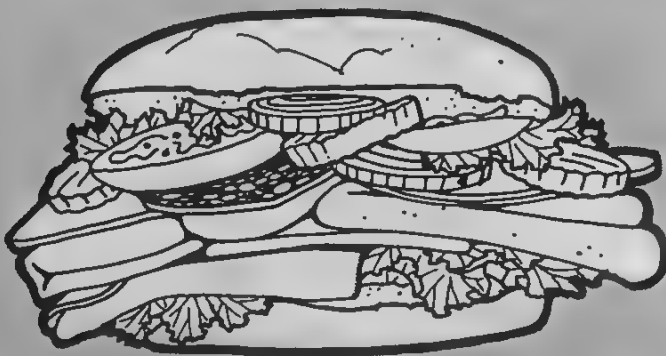
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South Westfield St. To Undergo Project To Rectify Sidewalks

Reacting to the complaints and concerns of residents and Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), the Massachusetts Highway Department has begun plans to rectify the height of the sidewalks on South Westfield Street from the Route 187 construction project completed last fall. Residents of the street have had their vehicles bottom out as they exit and enter their driveways as a result of the height of the constructed sidewalks.

The Highway Department began advertising for the project on Saturday, September 7th, and hopes to begin renovations in November. The height of the sidewalks will be lowered from seven inches to four inches, which should prevent the scrapping that has resulted in damaged tires and mufflers.

"The Route 187 project is a vital road development initiative," said Melconian, who fought for the improvements along with State Representative Daniel Keenan. "But it needs to be done right, and residents need to know that the access to their driveways will not be impeded."

The project, which should be completed by early spring 1997, is estimated to cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The Highway Department will need right of entry approval from South Westfield Street residents in order to complete the job.

Melconian Announces Allocation Of \$17,441 For Arts Council

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"These grants are important to Agawam, by enriching the cultural and economic life of our community," Melconian said. "I want to commend the residents who generously volunteer their time to work on the Agawam council in order to make quality cultural programs available in this town."

Organizations and individuals interested in applying for grants should contact Joanne Condon at 789-0994 for more information. Tuesday, October 15, 1996 is the statewide deadline for all local cultural councils to accept applications.

— Obituaries —

Mark A. Saracino

Mark A. Saracino, 33, of 89 Armstrong St., West Springfield, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident.

He was a graduate of Agawam High School. He leaves his wife, Tracy Saracino; a son, Mark A. Jr., a daughter, Catilin Mary Saracino; his mother, Lynda Depalo of West Springfield; two brothers, Anthony D. of Agawam, and Anthony T. Depalo, Jr. of Agawam; a sister, Holly M. Depalo of Agawam, and his maternal grandmother, Abbie Cochrane of Wales.

A graveside service was held at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Miracle Network, Development Office, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA 01119.

William S. Schindler

William S. Schindler, 82, of 253 Colemore St., Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home. He was a 40-year testing engineer for American Telephone & Telegraph Corp., and retired in 1974.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II. He lived in Feeding Hills from 1956, and belonged to American Legion Post 185 and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

His wife, the former Frances R. Ryan, died in 1991. He leaves three sons, Brian J. and William M. of Feeding Hills, and Peter A. of Connecticut; a daughter, Judith Frasco of Feeding Hills; a brother, Robert J. of Salisbury, Maryland; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01116-1210.

Marc D. Depelteau

Marc D. Depelteau, 32, of 921 River Road, Agawam, died in the University of Connecticut Medical Center in Farmington.

He was employed as a warehouse employee and a driver for Williams Distributing Company in Springfield. Born in Holyoke, he attended local schools and was a 1982 graduate of Holyoke High School.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church of Agawam and a member of Teamsters Union Local 404.

He leaves his wife, the former Susan Dion; three daughters, Michelle, Jennifer, and Stephanie, all at home; his mother, Jeannette (Dion) Depelteau of Holyoke; a brother, Paul of Chicopee; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at Perpetual Help Church in Holyoke, with burial in Perish Blood Cemetery in South Hadley. The James P. Hobart Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Depelteau Children Fund, care of Annette Duda, 1337 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

Elizabetha M. Doty

Elizabeth M. (Grady) Doty, 93, of Agawam died in a local nursing home. Born in Feeding Hills, she was a longtime resident of Springfield.

Her husband, Andrew J. Doty, died in 1965. She leaves a daughter, Mary Cabe of Boston, and a grandson, Andrew J.H. of Ludlow. Her son, Andrew F., died in 1996.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

Corridan Funeral Home in Chicopee was in charge.

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Samuel F. Provo

Samuel F. Provo, 82, of 53 Highland Ave., Agawam, a former standout athlete, combat veteran, and civic leader, died at Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He was a fireman for 33 years, and retired in 1978 as a lieutenant. Born in West Springfield, he was a graduate of Agawam High School, where he was a scoring star in three sports. He attended St. Anselm's College on a football scholarship.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the European theater with the 101st Engineer Combat Battalion in 1944-45.

He saw action in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium-Luxembourg in the winter of 1944-45, and earned four battle stars.

He was an All-Western Massachusetts football player, and led Western Massachusetts in scoring. He played semi-professional football and baseball, and was a long-time coach in the area.

He coached the first American Legion baseball team here, and girls' basketball. He also coached the Agawam Brownies football team.

He served three terms as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, sat on the town's Building Committee, and was a town meeting member for many years.

He belonged to the Golden Agers, American Legion Post 185, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, the Victor Emmanuel Society, the Italian Sporting Club, and the Polish Club.

He played bocce for the Victor Emmanuel Club and the Italian Sporting Club. He was a member of the Sandisfield Rod and Gun Club, and was a founder of the Agawam Sportsmen's Club.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Mary E. Hathaway; a son, Samuel F. Jr. of Easthampton; two daughters, Diane M. Provo of Agawam, and Catherine E. Provo of Palmer, and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA 01040, or any other charity.

William E. Bushey

William E. Bushey, 84, of 350 Meadow St., Agawam, died at home. He was a retired draftsman for Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Born in Lawrence, he lived here for 25 years. He was a graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School and Northeastern University.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Mary Dineen. The funeral and burial were private. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Lula F. Pezzini

Lula F. (Amos) Shrunk Pezzini, 83, of 156 Suffolk St., Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She was a hairdresser at the former Lotti's Salon in Springfield for many years. Born in Florida, she moved here in 1947.

She was an Army sergeant in World War II, a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club.

She leaves her husband of 50 years, Anthony M. Pezzini. The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield, and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, also in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Leo J. Vergnani

Leo J. Vergnani, 57, of 4 Liquori Drive, Feeding Hills, died at Mercy Hospital. He was the co-owner and treasurer of Hampden Fence & Supply, Inc. of Agawam.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Agawam High School. He served with the Air National Guard in Germany during the Cold War, and was a 22-year Feeding Hills resident. He was president of the Victor Emmanuel Club.

He leaves his wife, Susan (Provost) Vergnani of Feeding Hills; a son, James A. of Southwick; a daughter, Gina Glover of Greenfield; his parents, Leo H. and Katherine (Kane) Vergnani; a brother, Peter, all of Agawam, and a grandmother, Enis Ferioli of Westfield.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

"Babyproofing" Your Home To Prevent Accidental Fires

The first 12 months of a baby's life is an exciting time for parents who will witness their baby's first smile, first laugh, and even its first steps. The next 12 months can be equally exciting, but also dangerous if safety isn't foremost in the parents' minds.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following checklist to help "babyproof" your home:

1. Are matches and cigarette lighters kept out of children's reach or in a childproof container?
2. Do family members have a rule never to hold a small child while handling hot liquids, such as a cup of coffee or a pot of hot water?

3. Are hot liquids placed out of child's reach? Remember, young children will pull a tablecloth off a table.

4. Are small children not allowed to play in the kitchen? Not only could they burn themselves on a hot stove, but an adult could fall over them while removing a pan and carrying a heated substance from the stove.

5. Are electric outlet covers on all unused outlets?

6. Are electric cords in good condition and out of reach of children, especially in the teething stage?

7. Do family members know never to leave a small child unattended in the bathtub? Not only could this create a drowning problem, but a potential scald burn also.

8. Have you installed door stops and safety knobs to prevent children from opening forbidden doors? Remember to also use adaptable latches and locks for medicine cabinets and cabinets containing cleaners or other poisonous substances.

9. Additionally, consider the following:

- Every baby should be strapped in an approved infant seat when being transported in a vehicle.

- Children should also be strapped in when riding in a stroller.

- Dangerous tools should be kept out of children's reach.

- Wells, pools, and cisterns should be well-protected.

- Plastic bags should be discarded or inaccessible to small children.

- Firearms should be locked up, and ammunition should be locked away in a different location.

- More than 700 varieties of household plants and flowers are poisonous when eaten. Therefore, keep plants out of children's reach.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 19, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Claude Guidetti for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of

Glendale Road Extension. The proposed revision is to allow for a waiver of sidewalks on one side of the road.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
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The Association of Government Accountants (AGA), Professional Certification Board is pleased to announce that Louis Massoia, 6 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, an 11-year Senior Field Auditor for the Office of The State Auditor (A. Joseph DeNucci), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has successfully met the Board's certification requirements as an expert government financial manager, and has been granted the designation of Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

The CGFM professional designation is the only certification program designed specifically to recognize the unique skills and special knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management. In addition to meeting the program's education and experience requirements, those awarded the designation agree to abide by AGA's strict Code of Ethics and complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

AGA is a 12,000 member professional organization serving the professional interests of financial manager responsible for effectively using government financial resources at the federal, state, and local levels.

Painting Classes At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (North Building) holds regular painting classes for its residents. Standing - instructor Anthony Conte and resident Margaret Cadigan. Front row - Residents Grace Stuart, Frances Day, Mary Jean Zemba, and Yvette Roy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women's Club Reminds Homeowners To Make Sure House Numbers Are Visible

IS YOUR NUMBER UP?

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to remind all citizens of Agawam of the importance of having a number visible at all times on your home.

The police and/or fire department needs this number to locate you in an emergency quickly. A few seconds could mean the difference between life and death, and/or damaged or stolen property.

So, if you've sided your house recently, or purchased a new one, please get your number up as soon as possible before winter sets in.

Trim all bushes away from the number on your home if it isn't visible from the road. And pass the word on to your neighbor if their numbers are not visible.

The code of the Town of Agawam, Part II - General Legislation, makes references to numerical identification required and reads as follows:

1. Numerical identification of each dwelling,

business or industry in the Town of Agawam is to be provided by the owner and is to be placed in a clearly visible location on the structure located on the nearest exposure to the street. In the event that such structure is located two hundred (200) feet or more from the roadway, or in the event that such structure is not visible from the roadway, a numbered signpost shall be erected in a conspicuous location on or near the street entryway to the structure.

2. Identifying numbers must be a minimum of three (3) inches in height and be of a contrasting color so as to be visible from the roadway day or night.

3. The fine for not having a number up once you have been notified in writing is \$15 and an additional fine of \$15 for each thirty-day period thereafter.

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Lisa Layh To Wed Jeffrey Perreault

Rick and Sylvia Layh, formerly of Hobbs who now reside in Boulder, Colorado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Renae Layh of Hobbs, to Jeffrey Dale Perreault, son of Peggy Gacona, both of Agawam.

The couple, who met while attending the University of Las Vegas, Nevada, will marry July 4, 1997.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Hobbs High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Las Vegas with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1994 graduate of Dean College in Boston, with an associate's degree in communication.

He has been employed as a USA Ice Hockey Official for the past five years. Jeff will continue his pursuit of hockey officiating. Lisa plans to teach elementary school in Hampden County while attending graduate school.

The couple plan to live in Westfield following their marriage.



DAN LANCOUR

Dan Lancour Has Completed U.S. Army Basic Training

Dan Lancour, a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, recently completed U.S. Army basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where he received the rank of private first class. Upon graduation, Dan began training as a military police officer, also in Alabama.

Upon completion of M.P. school in October, Dan will return home and attend Westfield State College in January while serving in the Army National Guard.

Dan is the son of Dina and Jim Lancour, and the grandson of Dora and Richard Fornl, and Kay and the late Pinky (Edward) Lancour.



MR. & MRS. DANIEL HARPIN

Karen M. Remillard Becomes Bride Of Daniel J. Harpin

Mr. & Mrs. Rejean J. Remillard of 41 Arnold Street, Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Karen Marie Remillard, to Daniel Joseph Harpin, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Harpin, Sr. of 32 Federal Street, Agawam.

The wedding was held at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. Attending the bride as matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Kristine Plasse. Frederick Harpin, Jr., brother of the groom, served at best man.

Mrs. Harpin is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and is an insurance broker at Rejean J. Remillard Insurance Agency in Feeding Hills. Her husband, a graduate of Agawam High School, currently attends Holyoke Community College and is a self-employed landscaper.

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Mawaga Club Celebrates Summer's End



THE AGAWAM MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB holds its Annual End-Of-The-Summer BBQ on Saturday, September 7th. IN TOP PHOTO, Ernie Leithoff, Charlie Baker, and Wayne Harrington were on the grill; IN PHOTO BELOW, the Tatro girls, Kristin, Dorothy, and Heather patiently wait for their meal. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM MAWAGA CLUB MEMBERS Steve Roberts, Mike Roberts, and Don McCave were pushing the harvest season with painted pumpkins at the Annula End-of-The-Summer BBQ on September 7th; IN PHOTO BELOW, Christopher Gamelli and Dennis Goodrow enjoy their meals. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



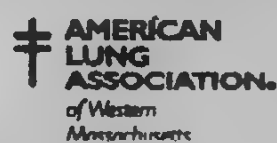
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*** Ongoing through Sunday, November 24th:** Exhibit in the Visitors Center — "HOLYOKE MANUFACTURERS PRODUCT SHOWCASE," Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m., other times by appointment. Free.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce and the Office of Economic and Industrial Development. It features products currently made by 30 manufacturers in Holyoke.

*** Sundays at 2:00 p.m. ... FREE CHILDREN'S MOVIES** in the Park Visitors' Center.

September 15th - Paddington Bear, Charlie Chaplin, and cartoons.

September 22nd - "Treasure Island," "In the Night Kitchen" (Sendak), and Bugs Bunny.

September 29th - "The Hobbit," plus short subjects.

October 6th - "Curious George" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

*** Ongoing, Tuesday through Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. ... CARDBOARD CASTLES FOR SALE** at the Visitors' Center.

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*** Wednesday, September 18th, 7:30 p.m. ... GEOLOGY OF THE PIONEER VALLEY:** Talk with slides and video. Free. In the Park Visitors' Center.

Holyoke Heritage State Park, located at 221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, is "home" to the Park Visitors' Center, The Children's Museum, Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, Holyoke Heritage Park Railroad, Volleyball Hall of Fame, and Heritage Crafts.

For further information on any of the aforementioned activities at Holyoke Heritage State Park, contact Charles Lotspeich or Marlene Curran at Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitors' Center, (413) 534-1723.

AHS 1966 Now Planning 30th Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1966 is having its 30th reunion on **Saturday, September 28th**, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations may still be made by contacting Frank Morassi at 1-800-793-0437 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by calling Joanne Candido at (413) 789-2219 after 5:00 p.m.

Tech High '66 Planning 30th Class Reunion

The former Springfield Technical High School Class of 1966 will hold its 30-year class reunion **Saturday, November 30, 1996** at Fairview Knights of Columbus in Chicopee, MA.

Call Jim Goodrow at (413) 782-6276 or Rose Marie Murray Disco at (413) 786-7529 or write to Springfield Tech High, Class of 1966, 49 Morningside Circle, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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The BIG E To Kick-Off 75th Year With Fun "Opening Day" Festivities

We're going to have a party ... and everyone's invited! The Big E's gates open to a world of 75th anniversary excitement at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 13th, and we're going to "paint the grounds merry" for 17 days through Sunday, September 29th.

Opening Day festivities kick off with the Grand Opening of The Big E's 75th anniversary "Diamond Jubilee" exhibit showcasing the rich and colorful history of the Exposition. Grace Brooks Knibb, granddaughter of Eastern States Exposition founder Joshua L. Brooks, will be on hand to cut the exhibit ribbon in the New England Center, where the historic exhibit will be housed throughout the fair.

Fairgoers will be saying, "I can't believe it's butter!" as they take a first look at our life-size butter cow, a re-creation of the butter cow seen at the Exposition's very first event, The 1996 National Dairy Show. Jim Victor of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, sculptor of the butter cow, will be present for the unveiling ceremony.

Victor, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, is primarily known as a woodcarver and portrait sculptor and has also worked in bronze, cheese, chocolate, and butter. A reproduction of a Coliseum box seat will highlight Eddie Shore's "Hockey Days" and the glamour of the horse show's "Stake Night."

Also available for viewing are sections on dairy, agriculture, and youth at The Big E, crafts, the development of the Avenue of States and Storowton Village Museum, photos and first-person accounts from long-time Eastern States Exposition people in "Faces of the Fair," photos and fair memorabilia.

The "Diamond Jubilee" exhibit is sponsored in part by Hannoush Jewelers and Milk Promotion Services, Inc., representing the Dairy Farmers of New England and Eastern New York, and Hannoush Jewelers.

M.P.S.I., Inc. is sponsor of the butter cow and dairy components of the exhibit. They will sample "the cheeses of New England" on Saturdays and Sundays. Fairgoers can register at the exhibit to win a diamond tennis bracelet, courtesy of Hannoush Jewelers.

Polish American Club's Women's Auxiliary Accepting Applications For Crafts Fair

Applications are now being accepted for the 14th Annual Craft Fair on November 9th at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

They say everybody loves a parade and we agree. Our very own Big E Grande Parade, sponsored by Stop & Shop, takes place at 5:00 p.m. and features the Town of West Springfield's award-winning 1996 St. Patrick's Day float. The float, celebrating the 75th anniversary of The Big E, won first place in the "Irish" category and Grande Prize of the 1996 Parade.

Also marching to the tune of area bands will be Biggie, the fair's official mascot, the world-renowned Budweiser Clydesdales, the Hallamore Hitch, the Sparrow Belgian Hitch, sponsored by Citizens Bank, a Commerford's Petting Zoo contingent and a variety of other parade favorites.

For those not faint of heart, two members of the Winn's Thrill Show Troupe will execute a spine-tingling "Skywalk" (high wire walk) from the Brooks Building to the Coliseum at 6:00 p.m.

Winn's Thrill Show, sponsored by The Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino, has been featured in David Frost's Guinness Book of World Records, at Disneyland and Disney World Epcot Center and with Ringling Bros. and have appeared throughout Europe and Asia as well as North and South America. This daredevil family will also perform at Mallary Plaza daily at 12:30, 4:00, and 7:00 p.m.

A rousing 8:00 p.m. concert will be performed by Grand Ole Opry star, Connie Smith and the 100-person Bethany Assembly of God Choir and Orchestra on The Big E's Main Stage. Smith will also sing her way into the hearts of fairgoers in a solo 3:00 p.m. performance. Country great George Jones has called Smith, known for hits such as "Once a Day" and "Ribbon of Darkness," "country music's greatest singer."

Top off the evening as Zambelli International paints the sky over The Big E with an explosive fireworks display guaranteed to dazzle fairgoers of all ages. This spectacular light show is sponsored by Fleet Bank.

Mark your calendars! The celebration is about to begin! Get here early so you don't miss one minute of Opening Day excitement at the 75th anniversary of "New England's Fall Classic," September 13th.

The Big E runs through Sunday, September 29th.

sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary.

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DANCERS FROM THE MARY ANN STUDIO OF DANCE performed at the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon at TV-40 in Springfield and were met by news anchorman Dave Madsen (photo left). The girls danced the popular "Macarena."

Mary Ann Dancers Help Telethon

Labor Day was a "Labor of Love" for the teachers and students of the Mary Ann Dance Studio. Tiny tots from ages 1½ through teens performed for the "Jerry Lewis Telethon."

The younger students had a great time showing off their talents and the teenagers taught the audience the Macarena (a new line dance craze).

They all performed at Channel 40 TV and had the exciting experience of meeting Dave Madsen and other members of the Channel 40 team.

Students were very proud to have taken part in raising millions of dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and to be helpful to people who are fighting the disease.

Students who participated were: Sarah Latif, Sarah Pigeon, Shannon Melmeic, Nikki Nichols, Samantha & Daniel Spagnolo, Christina & Elizabeth Avery, Cheryl Avezzie, Anna Charest, Victoria Clements, Jessica McClintock, Lyndsey & Brianna Ryan, Juli Simons, Rachel Williams, Daisy Cruz, Jaimie Pinnsonault, Meghan Quinn, Krystal Duncan, Sean & Sheryl Lyn Adams, Sean & Colleen Keegan, Amberle Kirk, Joanna Saraiva, Nicole Boyd, Vanessa Schuab, Marie Palejko, Cora Worrell, Erin Cronin, and teachers Cinday Palazzi and Melissa Stebbins.

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Cooks will have two new ways to express themselves at this year's 75th anniversary edition of The Big E, September 13-29, 1996. "New England's Fall Classic" will host the **National Best SPAM® Recipe Competition**, sponsored by SPAM® and Hormel Foods, and the **Fleischmann's® Yeast Best-Ever Bread Competition**, plus the **LAND-O-LAKES® Butter Best Cookie Contest** and the **Clorets Chill Cookoff**.

The **Clorets Chill Cookoff** on **Saturday, September 14th**, will give cooks, who like their fare hot and zesty, the opportunity to show off their creations. Competitors will prepare their spicy dishes on site beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Food Court. Judging will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. For contest rules and entry forms, call (413) 737-2443.

The **National "BestSPAM® Recipe" Competition** takes place **Thursday, September 19th**, at 11:00 a.m. on the New England Center Stage. Entries will be judged on taste appeal, appearance and originality of recipe. Entrants must be 18 years or older to participate, and only one recipe per entrant is allowed.

Contestants must create their favorite SPAM® Luncheon Meat hot or cold dish from scratch, using at least one 12-ounce can of regular SPAM®, Less Salt SPAM® or SPAM® Lite, or add the great taste of SPAM® or SPAM® Lite to their original appetizer, casserole, stew, stir-fry, salad or sandwich.

The first-prize winner will receive \$100 and will have his/her recipe entered in the National "Best SPAM® Recipe" Competition, where it will compete with 79 other fair winners for the grand prize — a \$2,500 shopping spree at The Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, plus two round-trip airline flights and two nights deluxe accommodations for two. Second prize is \$50, and third prize is \$25. Each winner will also receive a ribbon, an award certificate and a SPAM® apron. The 1995 first-place winner is not eligible to compete in 1996.

Fleischmann's® Yeast Best-Ever Bread Competition, which takes place on **Tuesday,**

September 24th, at 11:00 a.m. on the New England Center Stage, will offer awards in two categories: **Traditional Baking and Bread Machine**. Any type of yeast bread may be entered in the contest, but the recipe must include **Fleischmann's® Yeast**.

The brand and model of bread machine used must be specified with bread machine recipes. Breads will be judged on flavor, appearance, texture, and creativity. First-prize winners in both categories will receive \$100, a **Fleischmann's® Yeast Best-Ever Breads cookbook**, a ribbon, an apron and an award certificate.

Second- and third-place winners in both categories will receive the **Fleischmann's® Yeast Best-Ever Breads cookbook**, a ribbon, an apron and an award certificate. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older. ***

This is the first year that **LAND-O-LAKES® Butter** is sponsoring a baking contest, and The Big E is one of only 20 sites nationally to host the competition.

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Anyone, any age can enter, but only one entry per person is allowed. Entries must be created from one recipe, be homemade, no mixes, and include at least a half-cup of **LAND-O-LAKES® Butter**. There is no restriction on the form, size or shape of cookie.

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Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Hold Mtg. On September 23rd

The Agawam/Feeding Hills chapter of AARP will resume their regular monthly meetings on September 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

All those 50 years of age and older and a member of the national AARP are welcome.

Please plan to attend our meeting, which will be presided over by our new president, Pauline Paquette.

Westfield Savings Plans "Open House" For Retiring Ag. Manager

Westfield Savings Bank will be holding an open house in the Agawam branch on Thursday, September 26, 1996 to give their customers the opportunity to say farewell to their branch manager, Joan Brouillette, who is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day, and entertainment will be provided by Libby Campo on the piano between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Please join us in wishing Joan a happy retirement.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 16th: BBQ pork rib, potato wedges, tossed salad, wheat bread, applesauce.

Tuesday, September 17th: Chicken a la king, white rice, mixed vegetables, pumpkin bread, fresh plum.

Wednesday, September 18th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, wheat bread, pears, brownie.

Thursday, September 19th: Minestrone soup, meatball grinder, tomato and cucumber, canned pears.

Friday, September 20th: Breaded fish, rice Florentine, squash, rye bread, canned peaches.

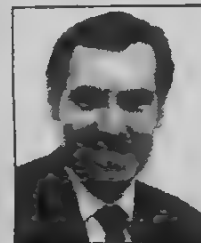
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Today's X-ray equipment and procedures are safe. High-speed film minimizes the extent of exposure and the use of lead aprons adds protection. Women who might be pregnant should make this known to any doctor or dentist before undergoing X-ray examination.

KEEPING YOUR TEETH

Q. Can anything prevent the loss of teeth as we age?

A. The many TV commercials promoting products related to dentures create the impression that all of the elderly are toothless. But today's older Americans are retaining more of their teeth than previous generations did. Aging itself doesn't directly cause the loss of teeth. Rather, risk of tooth loss increases with the accumulation over the years of health problems, medication side effects, changes in the bones and tissues of the mouth, longtime wear of teeth and gums and lessened attention to their care.

Preventive care is the way to deal with those and other risks to dental health. Proper care is no less important to the elderly than it is to younger people. It's especially important for older people to continue to get dental checkups for early diagnosis and treatment of any new problem and to maintain a routine of thorough brushing and flossing.

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The paternal grandparents are Michael & Terry Deslauleurs of Ware. Maternal grandparents are Lawrence & Donna Freeman of Feeding Hills.

"Alex" and his mother reside with her parents.

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Bikeway Meeting Held



THE RIVERWALK BIKEWAY that will include sections of River Road in Agawam was the topic of a meeting at the Agawam Senior Center on September 5th. From left - Freda Eisenberg, planning, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; Debbie Dachos, Agawam town planner; and Joseph Supreneau, project manager.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women To Meet On Sept. 17th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, September 17th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Agawam, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The topic of this meeting will be the club's monthly programs and projects.

Refreshments will be served.

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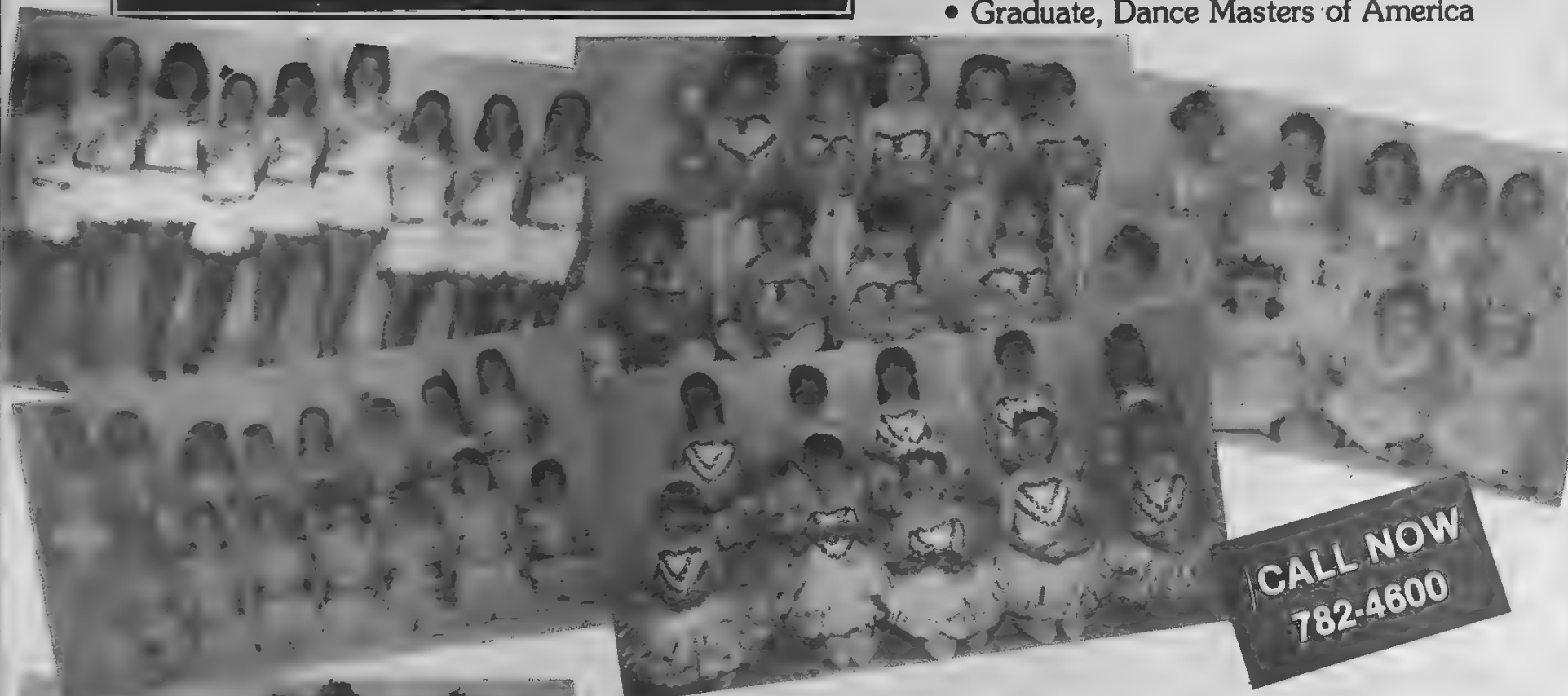


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A Message From Ag. United Methodist

by Reverend Reuben Telemaque
Agawam United Methodist Church

The theme of several speakers and the news media today seems to be "the class of the year 2000." The concern is, what are they going to do to the world as we know it, or what is the world-to-come going to do to them? The challenges for the new generation are many; the opportunities overwhelming; and the heights stupendous.

When this theme is addressed by politicians, youth is challenged to meet an age of science; an age of cosmic adventure; an age of the recession of miracles before the face of knowledge.

Such an age is an age of greatness and an age of creativeness. The things that humans will create will mystify the very source of their beginning, to the extent of awakening the cry "Glory to Man in the highest."

As we note from past experience, the potential for greatness has always been with the human being. It is a gift from the creator. "Knowledge will increase" is a promise from of old.

But it is one which, when taken with arrogance, leads to self-destruction. The danger is, that if the arrogance of the human heart persists, the greatness experienced in the new era may lead to nothingness.

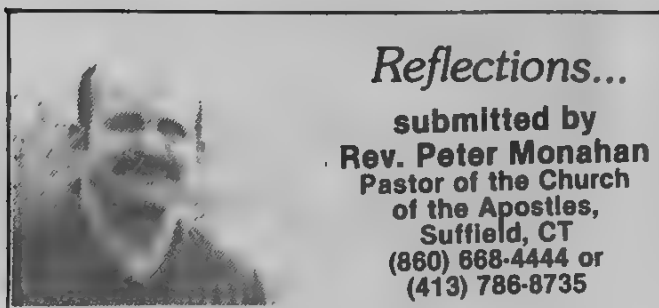
This can be avoided. We must take God's gifts humbly and no matter what age we live in, use them to the glory of God's name and the upliftment of the human race or the "betterment" of God's creation.

What are some of God's gifts to all generations? They are intellectual capacity for learning; intelligence, which means our ability to use intellectual knowledge in a positive and creative way and in concert with God's purpose for humankind; the desire for peace; and the ability to love.

All these are effective as the balance is created and maintained by our sense of justice, responsibility, high moral ideals, and many other virtues practiced by the spiritual giants of antiquity.

The church's hope and vision for 2001 is that human beings will crave a portion of God's gift of his Holy Spirit, which will be the only stabilizing factor amid the motley confusion of gifts and opportunities confronting posterity.

Worship on Sunday, September 15th, will be at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church. All are invited.



Reflections...

submitted by
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God Is Willing To Cancel Debt

One of the things weighing on America's mind these days is our national debt. Without realizing it or meaning to, our nation has piled up such a huge debt that it is difficult, if not impossible, to actually grasp how great the problem is. Whether we like it or not, whether we grasp it or not, the fact is that we and the generations who succeed us proportionally owe more money than we have or can possibly pay back.

Jesus once told a story about a man who was seriously in debt. The man owed the king more than he could possibly earn in a lifetime. At first, the king resolved to sell the man, his wife, and his children into slavery to pay down at least a portion of what was owed him. When the man pleaded for more time to pay, the king released the man from his debt altogether. However, when the man encountered somebody else who owed him a lesser debt, he would not extend the same kind of grace he had received. When the king heard of this, he revoked the cancellation of the first man's debt and required full repayment.

Jesus did not tell this story in response to questions about money. In fact, money was hardly ever mentioned among Jesus and His disciples. Jesus

told this story in reply to a question from His friend Peter, who had asked Jesus how many times he was required to forgive somebody who had wronged him.

Perhaps Peter had raised the question in an attempt to establish some limits on how many times he or anybody else would have to forgive offenders. Peter had asked Jesus, "How many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus' reply was probably not what Peter wanted to hear: "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven times." It was at that point that Jesus told His story.

We have come to appreciate that parables were used by Jesus to communicate powerful points or principles with simple stories. In this case, the king represents God, and the man represents us. We all owe God a tremendous debt, which we cannot ever even begin to satisfy. That is because every last one of us has failed to live up to God's standards for our lives. This can hardly be surprising to anybody; after all, do any of us always live up to our own standards for ourselves? The honest answer is no. Because we have failed to live up to God's standards, we are in overwhelming debt to God. Just like the man in Jesus' parable, we could not pay God back even if we devoted the rest of our lives to that one purpose.

That's the bad news. The good news is that like the king in Jesus' parable, God is also willing to cancel our debts. What is required of us? To seek His forgiveness with a contrite heart. However, Jesus was not saying that all that was necessary was for somebody to mumble some sort of quick and easy "sinner's prayer." That's what the man in Jesus' story did. That is not what repentance is all about. When we truly come to grips with the fact that God forgives sinners and that we are counted among them, we shall be able to forgive others also.

Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy on Mondays.

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Would you like to know more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Parishes of Agawam invite you to an

Information Night on Sunday, September 29 at 7:00 pm

Discover what the Catholic Church is all about; and if you are interested, find out how to become actively involved in our faith community.

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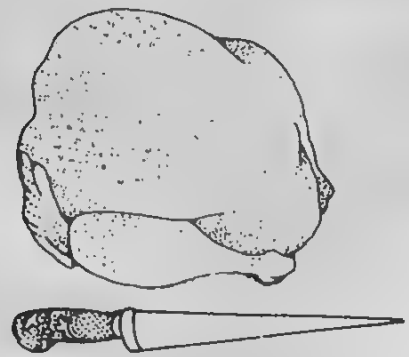


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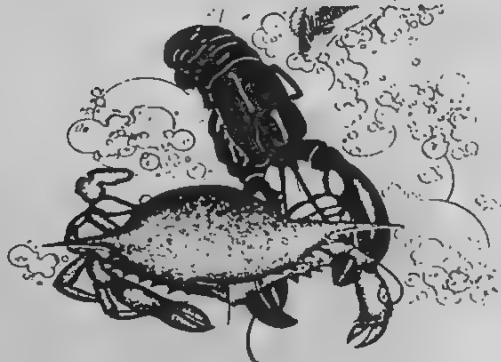
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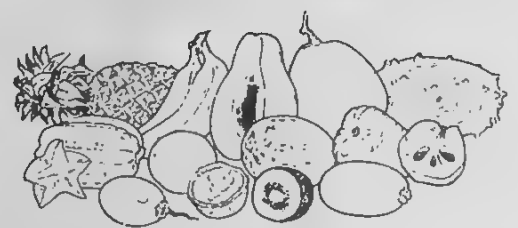


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Iceberg Lettuce (Hd.)	89¢
New Crop McIntosh & Cortland Apples (3 Lb. Bag)	\$1.19
Native Peaches	89¢ Lb.
Bananas	35¢ Lb.



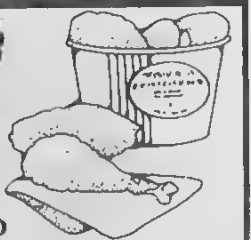
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Annual Parish Picnic At St. John's



THE DION KIDS, Justin and Joshua, attended the Annual Parish Picnic sponsored by St. John's Church at the Agawam VFW. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE ANNUAL PARISH Picnic sponsored by St. John's Church on Sunday, August 25th, a clown was on hand to entertain the kids. IN PHOTO BELOW, Ed Coffey and Rudy Altobelli were two of the volunteers who helped to make the day a success. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine



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Calendar Of Activities At St. David's Church

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST this weekend at worship services September 14th-15th.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both at the Church Building at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

An exuberant praise and renewal service is held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street in Agawam. The later service will feature Sunday School classes for grades Pre-K through eight. There will also be nursery care for smaller children.

This week's services will feature a message by the Pastor, the Rev. Len Cowan, focusing on "Forgiving," as we encourage one another in these days when so many seem to carry so much anger.

The message will be based on Matthew 18:21-35. St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship services.

ADULT STUDIES ARE NOW UNDERWAY:

—A Women's Study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., with no child care available.

—A Women's Study on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., with child care.

—A Men's Study on Saturday mornings from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m., with a light breakfast.

All studies are open to the public, and no previous Bible knowledge or study experience is required.

ST. DAVID'S MEMBERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM IN PRAYER at a region-wide prayer meeting to be held at the Hispanic Baptist Church on Salem Street in Springfield on Monday, September 16th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This Concert of Prayer focuses on God's renewing the churches and reviving the culture. Contact St. David's at 786-6133 for further information.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN IN PRAYER with St. David's members at the parish monthly prayer meeting, set for Thursday the 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church Building at 522 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

THOSE WISHING TO ENJOY A FUN OUTING with St. David's members and friends are invited to our Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT, Saturday, September 21st, at the Agawam Country Club, with tee times beginning at 9:45 a.m.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, September 15th, is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Judge Not!" taken from the Text: Romans 14:1-12. The Children's Message will be: "What Does It Take?"

CHURCH SCHOOL continues with the 7th through 12th grade meeting at 9:15 a.m., and the three and four year-olds through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

New this year, will be the three and four year-olds through third grade meeting in church with their teachers, parents/guardians to remain for the Children's Message. Infants to two year-olds are to go to the Nursery. The fourth through sixth grade will go directly downstairs to their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

The teachers and helpers for this year's program are as follows:

Crib Room Coordinators: Nancy Pease and Jeannie Lewis; teachers Holly Trombley and Sara Hill. Three and four year-olds: Steve and Cindy Lemiere, Lucy Young, and Jennifer Rettew. Kindergarten: Jeannie Lewis, Helen Gates, Lisa Patnode, Judy Lefebvre, and Kim Sullivan.

First grade: Debbie Most, Heather Cassidy, and Lisa Buiso. Second grade: Dolores Martin, Laura Paul, Beverly Follis, and Michael Follis. Third grade: Neil Ellsworth and Adam Ellsworth. Fourth grade: Steve Tapply.

Fifth and sixth grade: Gay McDyer. Seventh and eighth grade: Suanne Hansen. Ninth grade: Rev. Curt Fuller and Cindy Arnold. Tenth through 12th grade: Andy Pedersen.

Substitutes: Charlene Trombley. Church School Superintendent: Lindelee Davis. Christian Education Director: Dan Pender.

Youth Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes will participate in the Worship Service. The Theme is: "All Things Bright & Beautiful."

The Youth Groups are beginning their fall schedule. Are you interested? We have four Youth Groups for all ages.

3*2*1*KONTACT for Kindergarten through third grade under the advisement of Laura Paul and Lisa Ruddock; 456 Club for fourth through sixth grade, led by Charlene Trombley; Jr. High for seventh and eighth graders with advisors Diane Jerserski and Andy Pedersen; Sr. High for all high school students under the direction of Diane and Stu Kibbe.

The 3*2*1*KONTACT will meet mostly the third Wednesday of the month. The 456 Club and Jr. High Youth Group meet every Friday night, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Sr. High will meet the first Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Any questions? Call the church office, 786-7111.

Playgroup begins Wednesday, September 18th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

Country Line Dancing will begin in October. Keep Friday nights open. Details coming up soon!

"Big Band Dance" At Agawam Baptist Church On Sept. 13th

A "Big Band Dance" will take place on Friday, September 13rd, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Agawam Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

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Valley Community Church Ready For Annual BIG E Restaurant

Valley Community Church is excited to announce their return to the Big E Food Court.

The church has been actively involved at the Big E for over 30 years and has experienced tremendous progress during that time. From a tent to a wooden building, to its present location within the Food Court, the church has moved on-ward with the Big E towards meeting the needs of the fairgoers.

The menu this year will again begin with a full breakfast starting at 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The lunch menu, which will be served until closing, includes many specials including some for children.

So make sure you get down to the Big E this year to help the Big E celebrate its 75th anniversary. They have many great new attractions to spark your interest, as well as many of the "old familiars" which keep the Big E feeling comfortable.

On your way to the Midway, stop by for a bite to eat. (It might be better to stop on your way out of the Midway.) Or, as you stroll down the Avenue past the Valley Community Church booth, give a wave or holler "hello." You're guaranteed to get a smile and a wave back from all the friendly workers at the church booth.

Church School Classes To Resume This Week At First Baptist

Church school classes for all ages will resume this Sunday following morning worship at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "Headlight for the Believer," using selections from the Psalms as his scriptural text. The choir will provide special anthems, directed by Scott Thomson.

Coffee and conversation will be held in Davis hall following worship, with classes immediately after. Nursery care is available during all events of the morning.

On our calendar this week:

Tuesday, September 17th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class. (This day is the deadline for budget requests for the Finance Committee.)

Wednesday, September 18th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, September 19th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, September 20th: 7:00 p.m., Sr. Youth Group (Grades 8-10).

Saturday, September 21st: 6:30 p.m., Father-Son Banquet (call Mark McLaughlin for reservations).

Members and friends are invited to join with the Amicitia and Sunshine Circles on Monday, October 7th, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Rev. Leonard Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church, and Rev. David Hauler of the Victory Church.

Their presentation will be on Racial Reconciliation. Plan to attend this informative meeting!

50th Anniversary Dinner Dance At St. John's Oct. 6th

The members of St. John the Evangelist Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their parish with a dinner dance at Chez Josef on October 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Thomas Dupre will attend and priests and sisters who have been assigned at St. John's over the past years have been invited to attend.

Information on ticket reservations has been mailed to all the households in the parish. If anyone did not receive this information, please call the Rectory at 786-8105.

All reservations must be returned to the Rectory by September 9th.

Best hometown news

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week is entitled "Forgive Us Our Debts." Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Stop by and enjoy dinner with us at the Big E! We will be serving meals at the church on the green at Storowton Village each day from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Included on the menu are roast beef, chicken pie, meatloaf, breast of chicken, and ham dinners. Vegetables, rolls, and beverages are included with each meal.

If you think this all sounds delicious, you should come down and taste one!

The Adult Choir has begun rehearsing each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. This is a great time for you to join since the music will be new to everyone.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, September 15th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads.

Monday, September 16th: 7:00 p.m., Finance.

Tuesday, September 17th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, September 18th: 6:30 p.m., Music; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Dominican Nuns To Hold Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions

The annual Rosary Sunday devotions will take place on October 6, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Dominican Nuns, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield.

The preacher will be Reverend John Martin Digins, O.P., from Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island.

The service will include the Homily, the Rosary, the blessing and distribution of roses, and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roses will be distributed to the guests by the members of the Dominican Laity Chapter. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Spotlight On Business

"The Checkered Cow" Celebrating First Anniversary Sept. 14th-21st

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If your sense of style tends more toward the unique and the personalized than the mass-produced, a visit to **The Checkered Cow** in Feeding Hills is a must for gift-giving or finding just the right touch to give your decor a warm, homey look.

Partners Linda Robinson and Rosemarie White have created a treasure trove of country crafts and collectibles in their shop at 559 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

An anniversary sale to celebrate their first year in business is running from September 14th to the 21st and the public is invited to a special celebration marking the shop's first birthday on the last day of the sale, Saturday, September 21st, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sharing a charming clapboard, shuttered cottage with Groomingdale's, the shop welcomes visitors with a sense that they are entering a tastefully decorated home.

From the front porch, complete with flower boxes, to the shop's interior, the hand-crafted wares seem to be placed with a decorator's deft touch rather than merely being set out on display.

The highest quality of country crafts and folk art culled from the area's finest crafters share wall space with the owners' hand-painted specialty items, including welcome signs in a myriad of shapes and motifs, painted decorative cabinets, and personalized pictures for birthdays, weddings, or anniversaries.

Custom Orders Available

"It's great for the customers to come in and get the colors they choose," Mrs. White said. "Both of us do the painting so we can usually have custom orders done in two to three weeks."

In addition to enjoying the individualized service and custom designs that are **The Checkered Cow's** hallmarks, customers appreciate knowing their crafts are often one of a kind, Mrs. Robinson said.

"We enjoy doing the painting and we try not to mass produce them. Sometimes we may do two or three of an item, but most of our work is one of a kind," Mrs. Robinson said.

At **The Checkered Cow**, customers can browse through a selection of Ganz Collectibles, get some expert decorating advice, pick up a copy of *The Country Register* for the best in Southern New England arts and crafts news, or choose hand-painted wood decorations to complement every season.

During the sale, there's sure to be an ample supply for Halloween. A must for the spookiest

night of the year: a ghost crossing sign pointing the way for trick or treaters to, "Come in for a bite."

Or maybe you're looking for a new cookie recipe. How about the patented **Checkered Cow** cookie cutter complete with the recipe inscribed on a checkered dish towel?

One of the shop's most popular attractions is the window shutters comprised of four to six Victorian buildings, depending on the size of the window.

"The window shutters are made by a local artist and can be custom designed from a selection of about 40 building choices," Mrs. White said. "The customers can choose the type of building, the colors, and even the names on the buildings. For instance, customers can choose from Victorian style homes, a candy shop, school house, and many other designs."

Just as their wares reflect a flair for something out of the ordinary, standard gift wrap was out of the question when the shop's talented owners sat down to put the finishing touches on the **Checkered Cow**.

All purchases are cushioned in the shop's trademark red and tan checkered tissue paper and presented ready for gift-giving in a bag bearing the shop's logo, Mrs. Robinson said.

How The Name Developed

"The funny thing is we got the name of the shop from the tissue paper," Mrs. White said. "When we started talking about opening a shop and how everything would be done, we came across this patterned tissue paper and fell in love with it. We knew 'checkered' would have to be part of our name and it sort of just developed from that into **The Checkered Cow**."

Finding the shop's wallpaper border was a bit of serendipity that continues to delight the customers who often think the checkered pattern featuring cows and sheep is painted on the walls.

"We've sent quite a few people to our supplier for the wallpaper," Mrs. Robinson said.

Closed Tuesday and Sunday, the shop is open on Monday and Wednesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

And, no—they don't just sell cows.



LINDA ROBINSON is co-owner of **The Checkered Cow** at 599 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. RELATED PHOTOS on next page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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First Anniversary For "The Checkered Cow"



THE CHECKERED COW, an arts, crafts, and gifts store located at 599 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, is celebrating its one-year anniversary the week of September 14th-21st. An Open House will be held on the 21st. Rosemarie White (left) is one of the co-owners. RELATED STORY AND PHOTO on previous page. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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A Professional Real Estate Agent**

First of all, you'll want an agent that works for you and who's more interested in you — your wants and needs — than showing you houses they want you to see instead of what you want and need. Be wary of any agent who wants to show you the house you called about *without learning some things about you and your needs.*

The house you called about could be out of your price range or not have the space specifications or rooms you need. Without asking you a series of questions, an agent wouldn't have enough information to select homes for you to see that meet your financial and home specifications needs.

A professional real estate agent will also let you know in advance what to expect by first asking you a series of questions to get a clear picture of what you want to accomplish. Only then will the agent be informed enough to select a number of homes for you to view together. After viewing each home, list the things you liked or disliked about each home to stay on the right track and eliminate wasted time.

When the home that suits your needs and fits your budget is found, then it's time to review all the facts and figures to see if they make sense to you. If so, an offer to purchase agreement is prepared. The agent then needs to notify the seller's agent and have him/her present your offer to the seller(s).

When your offer is finally accepted, you'll receive a Purchase and Sale Agreement for you and your attorney's review. When everyone's signatures are properly affixed, then the closing process can begin.

There are several very important things you can do to make this whole process go as smoothly as it should. The first is to realize that you may never be shown the house you originally called about. As the agents learn about your wants, you will likely be among the approximately 95 percent of people who don't purchase the house originally called about because it doesn't fit their needs.

The second extremely important factor is to tell the agent "why" you want certain things. It gets down to the difference between the dream home that may not exist in your price range and location and the home that becomes your dream fulfilled because you shared the "why" with your agent such as "why four bedrooms," etc.

Decide what you absolutely must have and won't purchase a home without it versus what

Maintenance Awards At Riverside Park

RIVERSIDE PARK'S William Carroll (general counsel, center) handed out performance awards to three employees recently - Edward Hiersche, Rob Farris, and Brett Smith. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

you'd really like but "could" change your mind about. By doing this, you're helping your agent select the home that *will be just right for you.*

Another thing that you should know is that a professional real estate agent should be interested in helping you find exactly the home that's right for you. Your agent will be spending a lot of time over several weeks with you and will receive no money for his/her efforts until and unless a closing takes place.

This means that you have seen homes, gotten the Purchase and Sale Agreement accepted, financing procured, inspections set up and met, etc., etc., etc., and a closing finally takes place. Even then, the agent usually has to split the fees with the listing agent and his/her office as well.

So the best way you can help is to *stick with a good agent*, one that is working for your best interest and once you've found one, allow that agent to do what he/she has been trained to do, and that is to help you find the one home that's just right for you.

If, while working with that good agent you happen to see another real estate company's sign or ad that's attractive to you, allow *your agent to get the information for you.* Most offices cooperate with each other through a multiple listing service (MLS), which means that any member of the service has access to virtually any home that is for sale in the area.

The home buying process should be an exciting and pleasant experience. A professional real estate agent can make that happen.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in the Southgate Plaza, Agawam, MA [413-789-1117].)

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The New Construction Expo is scheduled for September 22, 1996 at 12:00 p.m. It will be held at "The Plantation," 18T Sunnyside Road. Seating will be limited; call (413) 786-4408 for reservation and directions.

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QUESTION: I was recently diagnosed with repetitive strain injury (RSI). The pain involves my wrists, neck, back, and eye strain. I work in a confined space on a computer for most of the work day. Any suggestions?

ANSWER: Repetitive stress, repetitive strain, or cumulative trauma disorders are "overuse" syndromes and occur when a particular body part is subjected to repeated motions over prolonged periods. Accepting this premise for many of these conditions should be questioned.

When workers first started to claim workers' compensation for their computer related injuries, repetitive motion was singled out as the perpetrator. Currently the pain and discomforts of computer users are captured under the umbrella term of cumulative trauma disorders (CTDs), and usually repetitive strain injury (RSI) is the diagnosis.

Logic, however, tells us something different. With the exception of the fingers, there is no repetitive motion involved with computing. Therefore, how can user complaints of eyestrain, headaches, low back pain, shoulder pain, and neck pain be explained using the repetitive motion concept?

The more of these cases I see, the more I'm convinced that poor posture and incorrect motion is the cause rather than repetitive motion. Tennis elbow, for example, may not be caused by the number of strokes, but rather the number of strokes done incorrectly. Movement, if done with proper body mechanics and with sufficient rest breaks, enhances body functions. Look at athletics. Repetitive motion is the principle by which athletes strengthen and develop muscles. A runner who continually trains gets more stamina, not less. The heart is a muscle that is in perpetual motion and exercising it only makes it stronger. Repetitive motion is the concept physical therapists use to rehabilitate injured joints.

Since repetitive motion is good for us, the medical complaints commonly related to computer usage is poor or aberrant posture.

In my next column, I will further explore mechanics of these conditions and suggest some solutions.

If you suffer with RSI or CTD, our office, at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, may provide the answer. Call 789-1369.

Cancer Support At Mercy Hospital On Tuesday Evenings

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to take part in Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

Group facilitator Suzanne Nolan, M.A., N.A.C.C., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department, is a certified chaplain and trained spiritual director. The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients and an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.

For more information, call Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Stroke Support At Mercy Hospital Starts Mon., Sept. 23rd

Stroke survivors will find information and fellowship at monthly meetings of the Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital.

The next meeting will be conducted September 23rd, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center; families and friends are also welcome to attend the free sessions.

For more information, call (413) 748-6894.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Group Ranks The Schools With Healthiest Lunches

The phrase "What's for lunch?" is being heard throughout homes this time of year, but many school lunches aren't cutting the mustard when it comes to the fat content, according to a ranking done by the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine.

At a school outside of Miami, if students don't want the meatball sub or the roast beef sandwich, they can always head over to the salad bar for fresh vegetables or three-bean salad. Having that vegetarian alternative earned Miami and Dade County schools first prize in the ranking of the healthiest school lunch programs.

Among 20 large school districts, other winners along with Dade County were New York City, Houston, and Charlotte, North Carolina. The losers: San Francisco, Cleveland, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and Chicago (the study revealed some of these schools offered too many fatty foods).

Dr. Neal Bernard of the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine says, "We found that even though kids are not eating very healthy foods at school, there are some bright spots; but it's a far cry from the mystery meat that some of us grew up with."

Dr. Barnard's group is comprised of 4,000 physicians from across the United States. The Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine says they are a pro-vegetarian group; they think children should not be eating any meat at all, so schools got points for offering vegetarian meals and no points for offering meat meals (even if they were low in fat).

For example, some schools these days offer baked chicken nuggets which are lower in fat than the fried kind, but that didn't impress the Physicians' Committee (which thinks all meat is bad). Dr. Barnard says, "Meat is now the way tobacco was 20 or 30 years ago. We recognize it as dangerous, but most people haven't given it up."

But the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which runs the School Lunch Program, says meat is an important part of a child's diet. Hellen Haas of the USDA says, "Children need to eat from ALL of the food groups; they need to add more fruits, vegetables, and grains. They need meat and dairy products."

School lunches are getting healthier all the time. Haas says, "Children are going to see more salad bars; they're going to see more low-fat pizzas; they're going to see more lean beef."

In the next two years, all schools must comply with the official U.S. dietary guidelines to lower fat, sodium, and sugar in school lunches.

For nutritional counseling and seminars, call Nancy Dell, MS, RD, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-2957.

Medical West Has Health Education Classes During Fall

Chicopee Medical West Associates will offer two health education classes during the month of October. Both classes will be held at Medical West Associates in Chicopee at 444 Montgomery Street.


Medical West Associates is a full-service health center affiliated with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

* **Thursday, October 10th:** "Setting Limits for Toddlers & Preschoolers," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

* **Monday, October 21st:** "New Fathers/New Mothers Class - Separate Classes," 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Call (413) 598-7131 for pre-registration. (Classes vary in price.)

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Back To School Time

This article is about children going back to school. I've heard from several parents commenting about their children's backs hurting after returning to school.

After a summer of running, playing, sitting, and standing wherever and whenever, now kids are expected to sit in uncomfortable seats for an extended period of time. This sitting compresses the joints in the back. To compound this situation, the kids are carrying backpacks with three, four, or more books at a time.

This further compresses the region. It's no wonder the children are uncomfortable. And you know how difficult it is to concentrate and focus when you're in discomfort.

There are several things your child may do to decrease the pressure. One is to wear the backpack in the middle of the back over both shoulders—this balances the weight, as opposed to carrying all of the weight on one shoulder. Next, try to keep the weight of the bag as light as possible. Utilize the lockers in the school often to store extra books instead of carrying them all day.

After sitting, stretch your back leaning forward and backward to loosen the tight muscles. A nice stretch to open up the joints in the back is to hang from the jungle gym bars for a few minutes. This provides a gentle stretch to that region. During the day, try to keep your spine straight—avoid slouching or slumping.

These gentle stretches and suggestions can help decrease the amount of discomfort associated with carrying a backpack. If your child still complains of pain, it would be wise to get them checked out by a chiropractor.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Medical West Offering Health Education

Springfield Medical West Associates will offer a health education series for the fall. All classes will be held at Medical West Associates in Springfield at 305 Bicentennial Highway.

Medical West Associates is a full-service health center affiliated with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

* **Five Wednesdays, September 18th through October 16th:** "The Yoga Way to Less Stress," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

* **Two Saturdays, September 21st & 28th:** "CPR Certification," 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

* **Three Mondays, September 30th through October 21st:** "Being your own Best Friend - Increasing Confidence," 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

* **Three Tuesdays/three Fridays, October 15th, 18th, 22nd, 25th, 29th, and November 1st:** "Senior Citizen Exercise Program," 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

* **Two Saturdays, October 19th and 26th:** "Infant/Child CPR," 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

* **Seven Tuesdays, October 29th through December 10th:** "Weighing the Choices - Nutrition & Exercise," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

* **Four Thursdays, November 7th through 28th:** "Effective Assertiveness," 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Call (413) 598-7131 for pre-registration. (Classes vary in price.)

Second Open House At Baystate Nursing

The Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing will hold a second open house at its new location on 3601 Main Street in Springfield on Thursday, September 26th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Jane Peoples, coordinator of recruitment and special services for the School of Nursing, said all of the school's facilities and classrooms are now consolidated in its new location.

She added that those who attend the open house will be given a tour of the School of Nursing. A description of the new curriculum and admissions counseling will also be available. Refreshments will be served and free parking is available.

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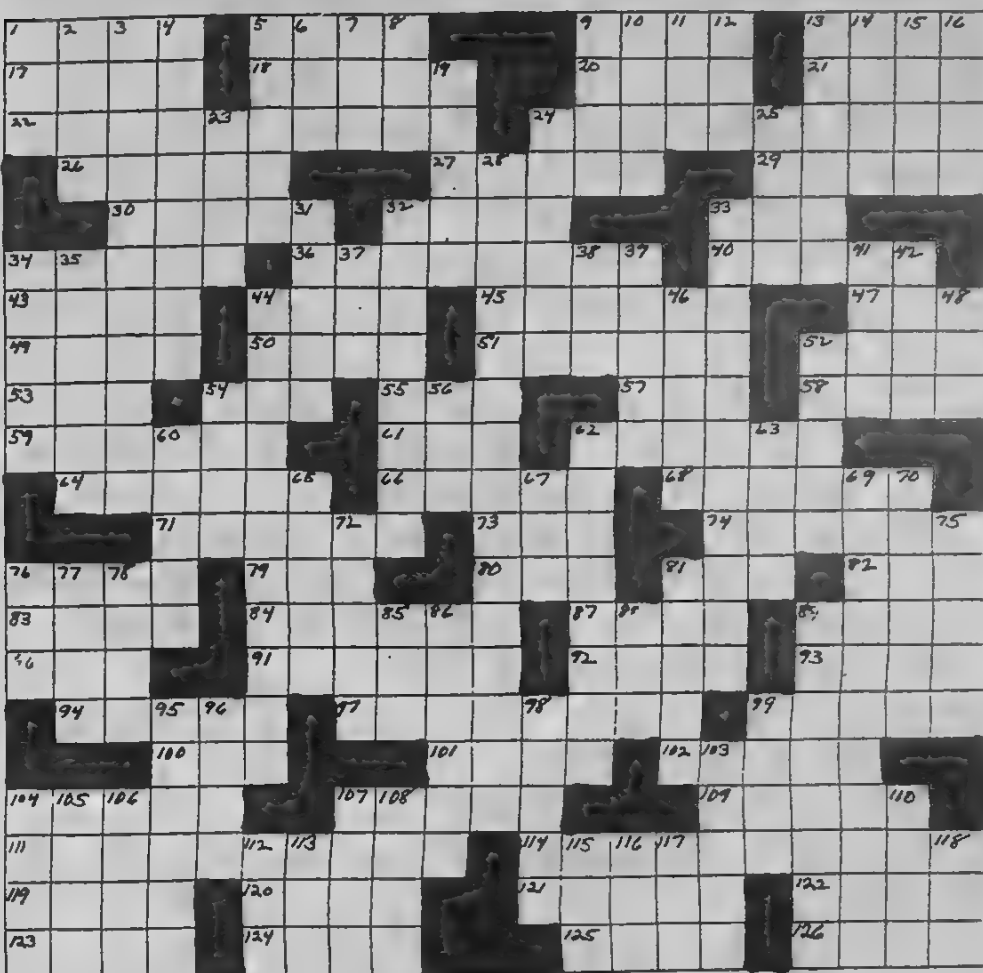
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- 71 Glossy paint
- 73 Questioning word
- 74 Merited
- 76 Golf announcer Dave
- 79 100 years (abbr.)
- 80 Seer's sight
- 81 Beast of burden
- 82 Algerian plateau
- 83 Lode items
- 84 "— hand" (helps out)
- 87 Forbidden
- 89 Coat armor fur
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- 92 Eve's garden
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- 101 Q.B. Stabler et al
- 102 Former coin of Ger.
- 104 Army of the Poto-
mac leader
- 107 Cubic meter
- 109 Sunday newspaper
supplements
- 111 Endeavor
- 114 Bridge boner
- 119 Stain
- 120 Give off
- 121 Lively dance
- 122 Chemical suffix
- 123 Educated guesses
(abbr.)
- 124 Protuberance
- 125 "— Irae"
- 126 Nervous
- DOWN
- 1 Letter run
- 2 "— and needles"
- 3 Must produce words
- 4 Most in want
- 5 Take three and punt
- 6 Spanish gold
- 7 Golfing norm
- 8 Building addition
- 9 Rational
- 10 Pot covers
- 11 Summer cooler
- 12 Otto's country
(abbr.)
- 13 Alice Faye's Phil
- 14 "The Red"
- 15 Poker pot start
- 16 "— the mark"
- 19 Norse epics
- 23 Carry on
- 24 E. Orange, N.J. col-
lege
- 25 Abate
- 28 Feeling poorly
- 31 Exists (Fr.)
- 32 Animal-like
- 33 "Nothing's new
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- 34 Vocal exams
- 35 Tease in a way
- 37 Bob Hope's part-
time employer
- 38 Jibber-jabber
- 39 Plover
- 41 River duck
- 42 Type of fish or boat
- 44 Suspected
- 46 "The — in sight"
- 48 TLC dispensers
- 52 Unable to vote
- 54 Religious picture
- 56 Vest stalner to some
- 60 Cold boxes
- 62 Parents in a way
- 63 Macaws
- 65 Arabian ruler
- 67 Sounds of surprise
- 69 Freedom railroad of
the 1800's
- 70 Go off the tracks
- 72 Texas city
- 75 "— macabre"
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- 77 Semite
- 78 Rock fish
- 81 "Red as —"
- 85 Actress Ruby
- 86 Mongoose's mortal
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- 88 Sale announcers
- 89 Maine "The —
State"
- 95 Alpine calls
- 96 Polish river
- 98 Golf score
- 99 "Thanks —"
- 103 Fine wall coverings
- 104 Erato for one
- 105 Slaughter in the
Hall of Fame
- 106 Mine entrance
- 107 Hit the ice?
- 108 "— a tete"
- 110 City covering at
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STAGE Announces Registration For Fall Programming

STAGE Children's Theatre announces that registrations are currently being accepted for its fall programming.

Beginning October 8th and 9th and running Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. through November 17th, young people will be involved in rehearsing, set building, program design, and costume decoration for a production of "PINOCCHIO," adapted by Margie Secora, to be presented on November 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Children ages eight to 15 are eligible to participate, and registration is on a first registered/first served basis.

STAGE will also be offering the fourth in its series of CREATIVE DRAMATICS workshops for children ages four to seven. These workshops consist of music, movement, pantomime, puppetry, storytelling, shadow play, etc., designed to introduce the young child to the world of performing.

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Classes run Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. beginning October 12th and ending November 9th. Registration is on a first registered/first served basis, and classes are limited in size.

For more information on either of these programs, call (413) 789-2026.

Ag. Cultural Council Planning Trip To NYC On Saturday, Nov. 16

The Agawam Cultural Council will have a New York City bus trip on Saturday, November 16th. Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to council member Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Please make the check payable to the Agawam Cultural Council. Tickets will be returned in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. The price per person is \$18 and is non-refundable.

Departure time will be at 6:25 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot. This will allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

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Time and place of departure from New York will be 6:30 p.m. near Radio City Music Hall. There will be no stops on the trip down or back; bring your own snacks.

Arrival home at Agawam High School will be approximately 9:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call Linda Lazarus at 786-2335.

Agawam Library Has Halloween Crafts For Kids 3 & Up

The Agawam Public Library will be offering another popular "Do-It-Yourself" craft in the hall on Saturday, September 28th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Children aged three and up are welcome to reserve a scarecrow craft kit and come in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to pick it up. We'll supply all the makings and you can supply the creativity to make your own scarecrow.

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Hilltop Players Family Theatre To Present Murder Mystery In Feeding Hills

The HILLTOP PLAYERS Family Theatre will present a murder mystery entitled "DECIDEDLY DEADLY" on October 10th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th at 7:30 p.m., and October 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"DECIDEDLY DEADLY" is an original murder mystery written by Lyle Pearsons, George Chartier, and Gene Biggio which is an audience participation comedy-thriller. It will be presented in the round with cabaret-style seating.

The audience will be provided with detective kits and throughout the evening will be invited to view the evidence, circulate among the tables to compare clues from their kits, question the suspects, take notes, and finally cast a ballot for the murderer.

Winners will be drawn from the correct ballots and prizes will be awarded. Audience members

will also be allowed to bring their own snacks to enjoy during the show or they may purchase refreshments from the refreshment bar.

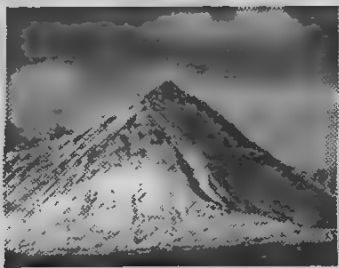
"DECIDEDLY DEADLY" consists of a one-act play, "Sorry, Wrong Number," during the presentation of which a "real murder" is committed. The actors from "Sorry, Wrong Number" are all suspects and are questioned by detective Watson Cambridge, who has been hired by the deceased to investigate some death threats she had received. Murder and mayhem abound in this madcap comedy!

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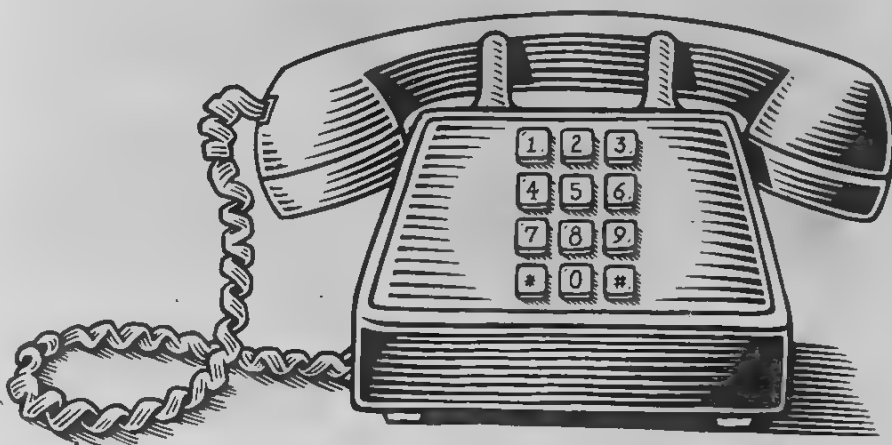


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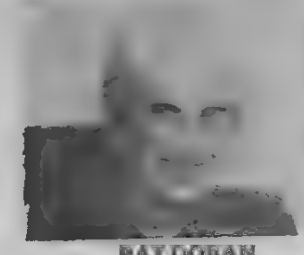
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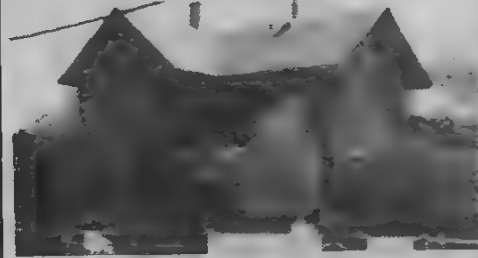
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Education

11 Students In Town Schools Via "School Choice"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Nearly half of the slots created in Agawam schools for out of district students wishing to attend classes here under the school choice program have been filled.

Eleven students from West Springfield, Wilbraham, Westfield, Springfield, and Holyoke have been placed in grades one through 12. All of the elementary students will attend Phelps School.

The School Department received 20 requests for applications and there were 16 applications returned for consideration. Of those applications, 12 were approved after a screening process that included meetings with parents and calls to the sending schools.

Associate Superintendent Donald Charest said he was pleased with the results of the first year in the choice program.

"Hopefully, next year, now that the word is out, the list will be expanded," Charest said.

This is the first year the Agawam School Committee has voted to participate in the State School Choice Program (Instituted as part of the Education Reform Act of 1993).

In prior years, Agawam has opted out of the program. In March, the School Committee decided to accept 25 students under the choice program to balance the number of students leaving Agawam to attend school in neighboring communities. This would help to recoup some of the state funding that follows school choice students to their new school district.

According to Charest, 20 students will leave Agawam schools this year. Most students who opt out are at the elementary level and they are leaving Agawam to attend Southwick schools primarily for the convenience of their parents, according to him.

Charest said the screening process was used to check for felony arrests, incidents of having a weapon at school, known problems with drugs or alcohol, and severe attendance problems.

"There was absolutely no discrimination in the screening process," Charest told the School Committee last month.

As a result of its participation in the choice program, Agawam is eligible to receive approximately \$45,000 in reimbursements from the state, Charest said.

Heading For First Day At Middle School



STUDENTS AT THE BUS STOP of Edward and Main Streets wait for the bus on the first day of school last Wednesday. The students all attend the Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Important Education Workshops On Sept. 18 Open To Public

On Wednesday, September 18th, a workshop on Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) will be held at the Agawam Middle School from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.

This workshop will help you understand:

- The eight basic symptoms of ADD.
- The effects on school, home, and social life.
- The causes and prognosis.
- Facts about treatments.
- What to expect over the long term.

Also on Wednesday, September 18th, a "1-2-3 Magic seminar" will be held at Agawam Junior High School from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. At this seminar, you will learn how to teach your two to 12 year-olds to do what you want!

The 1-2-3 Magic seminar will show you:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling, or

spanking.

- The five tactics for encouraging good behavior.

- What to do about messy rooms, lying, and tasks that don't get done (homework, chores, etc.).

Both the ADD workshop and 1-2-3 Magic seminar will be presented by Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D., a nationally renowned speaker and author on child discipline and ADD.

These events are open to the public at no charge. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Bock, 786-5603.

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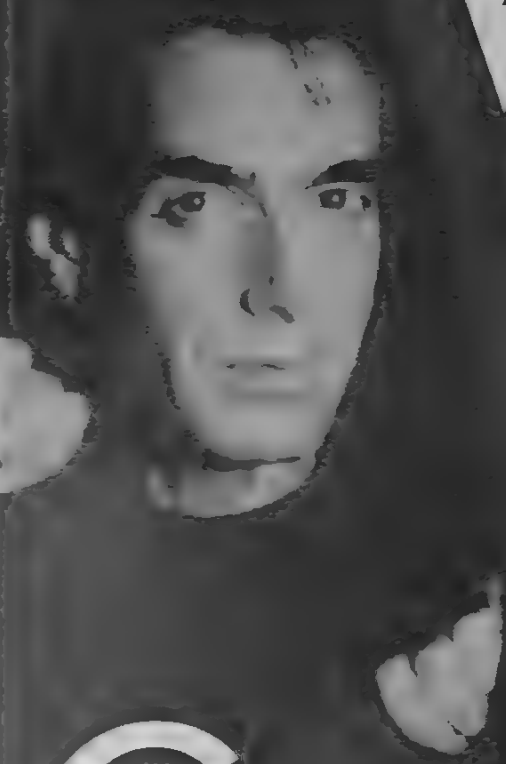
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School Brass Greets Teaching Staff



ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, chairman of the School Committee (left); Associate Superintendent Donald Charest, and Superintendent Frank Ameruso greeted members of the Agawam Education Association at the union's annual meeting at the Junior High on Tuesday, September 3rd. IN PHOTO RIGHT, teachers Carla Lemnah-Warner, Michael Kidd, and Nancy Kundl exchange summer stories before the start of the meeting. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
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A New School Year Is Upon Us

It seems incredible that summer is over and a new school year is upon us. As I write this, school has been in session for only two days, yet I feel as if it's been much longer. Immediately, it seems, we must switch gears from the lazy, hazy days of summer and get right down to the task of learning.

For the Elementary school kids, many are away from home the first time; many are learning that they have to really pay attention. Others are learning that they can not be the center of attention, but instead they must share the stage with others.

For the Middle and Junior High students, they are learning that organization is the key if they are to remember to do all their assignments and accomplish all that is asked of them inside and outside of school. Indeed, the pressures are mounting.

For the High School students, the coddling is over. This is the big time. Either they do their work and do it correctly or they fail. The school is large and passing time is short. There is no time to dawdle. There are rules and more rules. There are diversions and it is harder to stay on task. Teachers are there to help, but students must take the initiative and ask for that help.

Whatever the age, the beginning of school is often a trying time. What can you as parents do? Be there. Be there to listen, be there to offer ad-

vice, be there to help your youngster organize, and just be there.

It is so important at times like this to be supportive. Really tune in to your kid. His/her problems may seem so minute to you, but to him/her they are huge and seemingly insurmountable. Just by talking them through, the problems miraculously diminish.

So do take time to listen. Help your child formulate a plan if there is a problem, but be careful not to own your child's problem. He/she must own it if it is to be dealt with and conquered. The following really sums up how important it is to listen and to give your child some space.

LISTEN

When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving me advice, you have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way, you're trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problem, you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

LISTEN: all that I ask is that you LISTEN, not talk or do, just hear me.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do for myself, you contribute to my fear and inadequacy.

But, when you accept as a simple fact that I do feel what I feel, no matter how irrational my feelings, then I can quit trying to convince you and get about this business of understanding what's behind them.

So, please listen and just hear me, and if you want to talk, wait a minute for your turn ... and I'll listen to you.

- Unknown

If you have any problems, do call us. We, as guidance counselors, teachers, and administrators, are here to LISTEN. We welcome your questions and suggestions.

The following is a list of important dates to remember concerning the SATs and PSATs. It is

imperative that Seniors sign up for the SATs if they are planning to go on to a school of higher learning.

1996-1997 Schedule for Administration of SAT I, SAT II, and PSAT's

The SAT I/SAT II registration form will be available for seniors in the Guidance Office after September 4, 1996. If a senior does not take the SAT I or SAT II in October or November, he/she can take it in December or January at another testing site.

The months of October, November, and May are the only months during the 1996-1997 academic year in which Agawam High School is a testing site.

The PSAT is only given on Saturday, October 19, 1996.

October 12, 1996 - The SAT I and SAT II will be administered to Seniors. Deadline date for submitting the registration form is September 13th. Registration after this date is subject to a late fee.

October 19, 1996 - The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) will be administered to Juniors and a limited number of Sophomores. The fee for the examination is \$13 and should be paid to Mrs. Tirone, secretary in the guidance office. Only 220 examinations are available. Students will receive information about the test after they have paid their fee. Those sophomores who take the PSAT should have a strong academic record.

November 2, 1996 - The SAT I and SAT II will be administered to Seniors. Deadline date for submitting the registration form is September 27th. Registration after this date is subject to a late fee.

May 3, 1997 - The SAT I and SAT II will be administered to Juniors. They will receive the registration form for this test in March. More details about this test will be communicated at a later date.

(The ACT Assessment, which may be taken in addition to or instead of the SAT, will be given October 26th. The deadline is September 27th.)

Agawam High Slates "Back To School" Night For Sept. 19th

A "Back To School" night will be held on September 19, 1996 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Agawam High School. Parents or guardians are to report to the high school cafeteria by 7:00 p.m. for a brief presentation.

After the presentation, parents or guardians will be attending their child's classes. Therefore, please bring a copy of your child's schedule to

Apple Smile Storytime At Agawam Library Slated For Tuesday, September 17th

Agawam and Feeding Hills preschoolers aged 2½ to five are invited to the Agawam Library on Tuesday, September 17th, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

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Agawam Educators In Summer School For Chemistry Lessons

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Science class for second and third graders at two of the town's elementary schools will have a jump start on bringing chemistry lessons geared for young students into the classrooms this year.

Phelps third grade teachers Beth Robinson, Susan Murphy, and Sheryl Mardeusz, along with Clark second grade teacher Peggy Bitzas, spent six days of their summer vacation in lab coats and safety glasses. The educators picked up some valuable hands-on teaching strategies and materials designed to bring chemistry experiments into their classrooms at a level suited to the needs and abilities of their young students.

Middle School teacher Linda Ulrich attended the workshop as one of the presenters sharing their expertise with their colleagues.

Under the tutelage of retired UMASS chemistry professor Dorothy Barnes, the four Agawam teachers joined educators from across the state at the Amherst campus for the six days of ChemStart 96.

Mrs. Ulrich said her role doing research for the workshop was an enhancement of the work she has done in professional development studies over the winter.

"I was assisting Dot Barnes in what she was doing to adapt the course to the needs of the people in the class," Mrs. Ulrich said.

The summer institute provided content enhancement, practice in the inquiry method of teaching science and access through the Internet to help in conducting classroom experiments, and to help in acquiring correlated lesson plans so that the teachers can continue to enlarge their own experience in bringing hands-on science experiments to their students, according to Mrs. Robinson.

Making Science More Interesting

"More kids are going to be turned on to science because the teachers were turned on," Mrs. Robinson said. "We all learned so much about what we can do to make science more interesting for the children. I've already tried out the experiments at home and I can't wait to try them with the kids."

The teachers agreed that after participating in the institute, they would be more comfortable in presenting science lessons in the classroom and in helping the children notice the world around them.

Ms. Mardeusz said the activities motivated the teachers to use open-ended questions in getting the children to observe every day objects and to predict what might happen under certain circumstances.

"We spent one whole day studying pennies," Ms. Mardeusz said.

"It eased my nervousness because as elementary teachers we don't have such a strong background in science," Mrs. Bitzas said. "If I feel more comfortable, I'll do a better job with the kids."

While some of the chemistry experiments require sophisticated scientific equipment, most of the materials used at the institute are readily available at the grocery store.

"We tested the density of different liquids by putting cans of Coke and Diet Coke in a tank of water. The diet soda floated, but the Coke sank right to the bottom," Mrs. Murphy said. "We could use the same idea to compare iced tea to Coke or water to syrup to show the sugar content of liquids."

Can Be Done At Home

Part of the appeal of these kitchen science experiments is that the children can do them at home with their parents, Mrs. Murphy said.

But kitchen science wasn't the only thing cooking at ChemStart.

The teachers used chromatography to solve a "crime"; performed polymer experiments using silly putty, and tested different colors of kool-aid and M&M's for density. The Chemkits were provided by Mount Holyoke College at no cost to any teachers willing to pick up the kits and return them to the college.

Science Coordinator Robert Sartwell said, "Edward Fitzgerald, the lab guru at Mount Holyoke, puts the kits together with all the materials needed for the chemistry experiments and makes them available to any teacher. When the kits are returned, he replaces the materials for the next person to use."

Sartwell said ChemStart 96 falls under the umbrella of the state's PALMS (Partnership Advancing Learning in Math and Science) Program and entry into the institute is selective.

"These people should be honored for having been accepted," Sartwell said. "They were thought of as being worthy participants. Because Agawam has been designated as a PALMS site, we were able to have our teachers professionally developed at workshops in the state."



AGAWAM TEACHERS WHO spent some of their summer vacation in lab coats and safety glasses to bring chemistry geared for young students into the classroom this year included, from left - Sheryl Mardeusz, Linda Ulrich, Beth Robinson, Sue Murphy, and Peggy Bitzas.

Agawam High School Still Seeking Volunteer Tudors For New Program

Now that school has begun, on-site academic help is available to our High School students in a program to be offered by the newly-formed Agawam Volunteer Tutors. This program will help students who encounter difficulties at the challenging High School level as our school population prepares to meet and (we hope) surpass the new state standards.

An Advisory Board has been formed consisting of Mrs. Mary Bennett, Mr. John W. Bennett, Mrs. Sylvia Deliso, Mr. & Mrs. James Gregor, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Sgueglia, and Mr. John Zebryk.

The program now has tutors available to begin

working at our High School in the following subjects: English, Writing, Math, Sciences, World and U.S. History, French and Latin I.

Tutoring will be offered in one-hour sessions between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the High School AND MUST BE ARRANGED BY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION. NO FEES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM.

The Agawam School Volunteer Tutors invite all those who have qualifications in these HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECT AREAS and are interested in working with young people at this level to contact Mrs. Bennett at 786-3739.

AHS Band Parents Have BIG E Shuttle

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, and September 28th and 29th. Shuttle buses will run continuously between the high school parking lot and The Big E beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All Agawam buses will be marked in brown. The last shuttle will leave The Big E at 10:00 p.m. Parking will be \$4. The shuttle charge is \$2 per person, round-trip. This convenience to the fairgoer is provided by The Big E and PVTA. For those fairgoers parking at the high school, weekend discount tickets for The Big E will be available at a cost of \$8.

Discount tickets are available upon payment of the parking fee. There will be no parking at the Agawam High School during the week, only on the weekends. With discount tickets, a family of four realizes savings enough to buy that one special Big E treat. Fairgoers who used shuttle parking tickets last year remarked over and over on how convenient it was.

All proceeds received through parking fees will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band program. Patrons are encouraged to use the shuttle parking. Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high-priced parking. Park at the high school, leave the driving to someone else, pick up discount tickets and benefit the award-winning Agawam High School Band all at the same time.

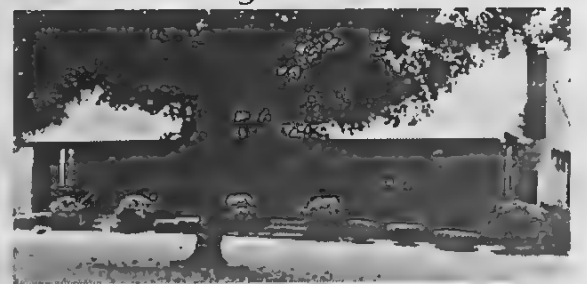
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AHS Principal Reports On Results Of SAT Scores For 1996

by Joseph Zablowski, Principal
Agawam High School

Over the past month and a half, test scores from the College Board have been arriving at Agawam High School. The results reveal the academic potential of the tested students at Agawam High School.

The 1996 SAT I Verbal Test Scores indicate improvement as compared to 1995. The 1996 mean score for all students was 496 as compared to 492 for last year. The mean score for females improved from 474 in 1995 to 491 in 1996. The mean score for males declined from 508 in 1995 to 500 in 1996. Overall, the verbal scores have improved by four percent as compared to 1995.

The 1996 SAT I Math Test Scores have declined as compared to 1995. The 1996 mean score for all students was 475 as compared to 488 in 1995. The mean scores for females improved from 456 in 1995 to 463 in 1996. The mean score for males declined from 515 in 1995 to 488 in 1996. Overall, the 1996 math scores have declined by 13 percent.

As compared to the state and national mean scores, the high school's verbal mean score, though improving, is below the state mean score (507) and the national mean (505). The high

school's math mean score is below the state mean score (504) and the national mean score (508).

The Advanced Placement Examination Grades are based on tests taken in History, Calculus, Biology, Physics, and English Literature. Fifty percent of the history and calculus students received a grade of 3 or higher. One hundred percent of the biology students received a grade of 3 or higher. Eighty-eight percent of the physics students received a grade of 3 or higher. Sixty percent of the literature students received a grade of 3 or higher. What this means is that these students receiving grades of 3, 4, or 5 will most likely be receiving college or university credit for their examination grades.

In closing, everyone should look to these scores or results with caution. College Board testing is just one of several factors used to help colleges and universities to make decisions about individual students. The scores are not designed to be used in aggregate form as a single measure to rank or rate teachers, educational institutions, districts, or states.

Auto Club Of Pioneer Valley Offers School's Open - Drive Carefully Tips

"Now that the 1996-97 school year has begun and we've kicked-off this year's *School's Open - Drive Carefully* campaign, we're asking people to remember what it was like when they sent their children off to their first days of school," said Francis J. Maloney, Jr., general manager of the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley.

He continued, "Remember how excited your child was? Do you remember feeling anxious as your child began to venture out in the neighborhood without you, encountering traffic for the first time? Did you wonder if the traffic safety lessons you taught your child would be enough to protect him from the driving public?"

"We at the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley remember and that's why we believe the *School's Open - Drive Carefully* campaign is so important. At this time of year, we want to remind drivers to be extra careful because the streets are full of children just like yours, venturing out into traffic for the first time, their heads full of new friends and new possibilities ... not traffic safety.

"Drivers should slow down in all residential areas, not just school zones," Maloney stated. "In 1994, 57 percent of the pedestrians aged five to nine that were killed were struck while crossing or entering the road between intersections.

"By driving more slowly, drivers give themselves the extra time to react when a child appears out of nowhere from between parked cars or behind a hedge to dart into the road after a lost ball or make it to the bus stop on time if he's running late. This can be the difference between life and death for a child."

In the 1993-94 school year alone, 45 students were killed in school bus transportation accidents. Of these, 35 students were pedestrians either approaching or leaving a school bus loading zone, according to the National Safety Council's *Accident Facts 1995*.

"Those numbers are just too high," said Maloney, "when you consider that those lives could have been saved if drivers and students alike had exercised a little more caution."

The Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley recommends the following safety precautions:

- Slow down around schools and in residential areas.
- Drive with your headlights on (even during the day) so children and other drivers can SEE YOU.
- Look for clues that indicate children might be in the area (i.e., school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles, school buses, playgrounds).
- Scan beneath parked cars and other objects for signs of children about to dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students.
- Buckle up every time you get in a car.

"Going back to school is an exciting time for students," Maloney concluded. "Doors are opening to new worlds and new experiences. All we're asking is that drivers, parents, and students work together to make sure no lives are needlessly lost this school year. After all, the child's life you may save may be your own. Isn't it worth a little extra?"

With over 39 million members and more than 1,000 offices, the American Automobile Association is the largest motoring and travel organization in the world. AAA is a fully tax-paying, not-for-profit organization offering a wide range of member services and working for improvement of motoring and travel conditions.

There are more than 1,000,000 AAA members in Massachusetts.

For further information, contact the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley, 150 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089-1351; telephone number (413) 785-1381, ext. 207; FAX number (413) 788-4138.



DINA L. DITOMASO

Dina L. DiTomaso Earns Dean's List At Keene State College

Dina L. DiTomaso, daughter of Alice and Dominic DiTomaso of 21 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills, has received Dean's List status at Keene State College in Keene, New Hampshire, for the spring 1996 semester.

The next Honors Convocation at Keene State College will take place on Sunday, October 6th.

Dina is in her junior year, majoring in dietetics.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 16th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned mixed vegetables, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, September 17th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, sweet peas & carrots, fruit cup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, September 18th: Baked macaroni with cheddar cheese sauce, tossed garden salad with dressing, wheat bread & butter, fresh Mac apple, milk.

Thursday, September 19th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey or dipping sauce, niblet corn, bread & butter, rosy applesauce, milk.

Friday, September 20th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven French fries with catsup, sweet peas & carrots, ice cream cup, milk.

Agawam Junior High School PTO News

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 23rd - seventh and eighth grade open house.

September 30th - PTO meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

We are desperately seeking people to help with our fundraiser. The following dates are when help is needed: September 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th, and October 2nd.

We are currently seeking four parents of Junior High School students to serve on the School Council. Please call the school at 789-1400, ext. 460, and leave your name if interested, or call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888.

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The "A" Is For Agawam!



TEAM MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS AGAWAM HIGH 1996 athletic teams form the "A" in the middle of Harmon Smith Field on "Media Day" last week to kick-off the official start of the new fall season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Boys' Season Is Underway...

Brownie Booters Start Quest For Next Level With 3-0 Win Over Amherst

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Before their 1996 opener last Friday afternoon (a 3-0 win over Amherst High School), Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup sat his kids down in their locker room, pulled out the chalkboard, and conducted a little skull session. The kids were quiet, attentive, and nervous. Amherst was the last team they faced last year. And many remembered the 1-0 heartbreaker the Hurricanes handed them in the first round of the Western Mass Division One playoffs.

The coach mapped out the strategy they would need to make sure they didn't experience the same fate again. He told them they had to play the whole field. They had to stay on their man and play tough defense. And he stressed that a lot of their defense had to be directed at Amherst star Rob Russell, the guy who scored the goal that beat them last year.

The kids had no questions as they filed silently out of the locker room and onto steamy Harmon Smith Field. If there were questions, they were of the variety which could only be answered in the heat of battle.

Finally, Amherst showed up (they were late). And the missing official problem was solved. (There were none until they called Jeff Rousseau, who gamely stepped in all by himself and did a fine job.) The two teams got it on.

Amherst is a club made up of many kids who are here because their parents are professors at UMass or Amherst College. They come from exotic countries and grew up playing soccer, which is as big or even bigger there than our traditional sports, like baseball, basketball, or football.

Agawam is more like the Lunch Pail Athletic Club; a bunch of tough kids with a solid work ethic. (Go watch them practice sometime, and you'll see what we mean.)

The Agawam strategy kicked into gear from the opening whistle. Rich Rodriguez was right in Russell's shirt, where he and a host of Brownies would be for the entire afternoon. (The Hurricane forward would manage only one shot on net the entire game.) Agawam was also passing well, using its wings to angle the ball into the middle where high percentage shots were launched.

Because of that, the Amherst defense started to pull in. And when the visitors did mount an offensive drive, the Brownie defense, led by senior

sweeper Chris Bitzas, Mike Forastiere, and Tony Alfano, dropped back nicely and sealed off the passing and shooting lanes.

Agawam was getting off shots early in the first period. They had five on net with 10 minutes gone as opposed to only one for Amherst. But their other opportunities (there were many) were going either over or wide of the goal. Amherst tried again and again to dribble the ball into the Brownie zone. Again and again, their passes were intercepted by the alert Agawam defenders. Two of the premiere bushwhackers were Forastiere and Steve Rovithis.

Even neophyte soccer fans in the decent opening day crowd (about 200) could see Agawam was playing match-up soccer about as well as it could be played. Amherst tried some long passes midway through the half in an attempt to penetrate the Brownies' zone that way. Bitzas, playing side to side and end to end, would have none of that. His interceptions and lead passes to his midfielders and wings had the Hurricanes running on their heels.

With 30 minutes gone, Agawam was confidently taking the play to Amherst. However, any kind of score was evading them. At that point, they were like a bunch of salesmen on a bad day. Their product was good. But time and again, they just couldn't close the deal.

Brownies "Buzzing" The Amherst Net...

At the 2:00 mark, the Brownies were buzzing the Amherst net. But the frustration continued as the Hurricanes (playing "D" now based more on desperation than inspiration) fought to get into halftime without giving up a goal. They did and the half ended 0-0. Perhaps the first-half shots on goal were a good indicator of coming attractions. The Brownies had 10 shots on Amherst keeper Seamus Stack. Amherst could manage only one on 6'5" Jay Malone.

Russell, who had a bad case of Brownies busting out all over him, had been shut out. Or perhaps it was the fact that Agawam spent 31 of the first 40 minutes somewhere in the Amherst zone. It seemed, at that point, to be just a matter of time.

Defense was still the order of the day as the second 40 minutes rolled along. But it didn't last long for the Hurricanes. Their "D" was quick in its own right. The problem for them — Agawam's "D"

was a step quicker. "We played a back diamond and covered both sides of the field. Things today went like they do in practice," Bitzas would say later.

Bitzas, who was playing a brilliant game at sweeper, got Agawam's first goal of the game with three minutes gone in the second. He sliced down the middle of the Hurricane zone. When he was about 30 feet out, Bryan O'Quinn, who had the ball on his foot and was looking for the dish off man, spied him boring in on the net. Bryan laid it right in front of the tall senior, who was now 20 feet from pay dirt. He airmailed the ball high into the right hand corner of the Amherst goal. Stack could only watch as the ball smoked past him.

The Brownies, who had a foot in the floodgate, scored again at the 28:01 mark. This time Nick Dion would do the honors. The Amherst bench was going ballistic. Their defense was backing in on their goal. This situation was not lost on the senior laden (12 of 18 on the roster) and experienced Brownies. They saw Stack was being screened.

Bill Maroni (remember him? He scored the winning goal in a shoot-out over team USA, which propelled Argentina to the Agawam Summer League Six-On-Six title a couple of weeks ago. His comment then was, "I hope I can make the Agawam varsity this year") saw Nick Dion camped out in the middle of the tight and confused Hurricane zone. A right on a pass and a right on a 30-foot kick by Nick into the left side of the Hurricane goal put the Brownies up 2-0.

Being down by two, compliments of the tenacious Agawam defense, prompted the Amherst offense to begin taking chances. The whole team was playing far too upfield. For a few moments, it almost paid off. Russell, on one of the rare occasions he even had the ball, launched a head-on bomb at the Agawam goal from 30 feet out. Malone homed in on it and made the diving save.

By now, the home-standing Brownies, buoyed by their play and the cheers of the faithful, were in total control. With 3:35 left, they attacked the Amherst goal in force; the result was a penalty kick taken and made by junior Jay Hanscomb.

Agawam had 11 shots on goal in the second half. Amherst managed four. Northrup was all smiles at the end. "The game went just the way we diagrammed it in the locker room," he said.

Captains & Coaches For AHS Fall Sports



THE 1996 Agawam High School varsity sports season is underway in earnest. Coaches and captains of the various team are pictured above at the Annual "Media Day" last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Will Brownie Football Improve In '96? Opener Vs. Strong 'Hamp May Provide Answer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Not many high school teams, regardless of what sport they might play, can take a hit like losing 19 seniors to graduation. That's exactly what happened to the Agawam High School football team. Not only did 19 leave last season's 4-6 team, some of those kids were blue chippers - running back Dom Pisano, guard Derek Parker, tackle Justin Casinghino, defensive ends Chris Day and Mike Perry, linebacker Andrew Ingham, center Dan Pellegrino, and defensive lineman B.J. Cortis. All will be missed.

Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, in his seventh year at the helm, has a lot of holes to fill that must seem more like craters.

His first concern is at quarterback. His choice there is **Eric Melbourne**. Coach Vec says the junior showed him something in pre-season drills. "Eric doesn't have much experience. But he can throw and he's a leader. Eric will have to learn the offense." But Vec feels it's a problem that can be overcome by hard work.

The offense will run out of the 'I' formation again this year. There's no doubt they'll miss Pisano and his power running and thunderous blocks.

Senior **Jeff Blews**, who benefited from Pisano's blocks last season and got in some quality playing time, will be the tailback. Blews is a slashing runner, who has enough speed to break one loose now and then. He'll be spelled, from time to time, by senior **Kevin Perreault**. Clearing the way for them will be senior fullback **George Graves**.

If those guys are going to have any chance of success, they'll need some high gear production

from the offensive line, which was decimated by graduation. Only **Rich Skowyra**, a tough senior guard, returns from last year. He'll be joined by four newcomers.

Wide Receiver Corps A Sure Bet

If the Brownies have a sure bet offensively this year, it is in their wide receiver corps. Ready for duty there are two of the best pass grabbers in Western Mass.—wideout **Phil McGeoghan** and tight end **Bryan Menard**. Both are seniors and each one brings it all to the table. McGeoghan, at 6'4" and 210 pounds, has bomb squad speed and the moves of a belly dancer. Single coverage just can't contain him. The 6'2", 225 pound Menard, who was All-Western Mass. last year, specializes in catching the ball over the middle, where there is usually more traffic than I-91 at rush hour. Menard is also a vicious blocker, an attribute that should take some pressure off the young offensive line. Seniors **Dan Walker** and **Derek Carpenter** should also see some action at wide receiver.

Vec's comments on the offense, "At any level of football, you have to establish the run before you can have success in your passing game. It will be a challenge because of our inexperience. But that's what we want to do this year. And I think they can do it. Then Phil, Bryan, and the rest will hopefully be open for some big plays."

There will be a new look on defense this year. The coach has scrapped the old 5-2 alignment and put in a 4-3 (four down: lineman and three linebackers). "It gives us versatility as far as adjustments go," Vec explained. This group will not only have to be versatile, they'll have to be agile, mobile, and hostile. "We only have three veterans back on defense," the coach smiled. Eight kids

will be getting their first taste of full-blown varsity action on the down and dirty side of the ball.

Leading the defense will be the three veterans. McGeoghan will be at free safety. He's an intelligent defender and his speed should be effective against the long ball. Menard will alternate between linebacker and down lineman. He is as aggressive on 'D' as he is on offense. **Darrell Malachowski**, a rawboned, 6'3", 225 pound senior tackle, will anchor the defensive line. The Brownies will also have a new defensive coach this season. **Bill Moore** takes over for **Gary Geiger**, who retired at the end of last season.

Vec's comments on the defense, "Every day during practice, I've seen them improve. If they continue to do that, we should be in good shape defensively."

The kicking and field goal duties will be handled by senior **Tony Planzo**. **Josh Maynard**, also a senior, will do the punting. The coach feels those two will be more than capable of getting those jobs done.

Vec said on the upcoming season, "Our division (AA Conference) is a good one. But many of the teams are in a rebuilding year. Holyoke lost Cedric Washington, which means a lot of offensive punch (that's an understatement). Central and Cathedral have some inexperience, much like us. We've always had success against Comp. Minnechaug is running a new offense. Maybe when we meet them here, October 4th, they'll still be learning it. Westfield is coming off a bad year, but they're always tough. I honestly think anyone could win the Double A," added Vec.



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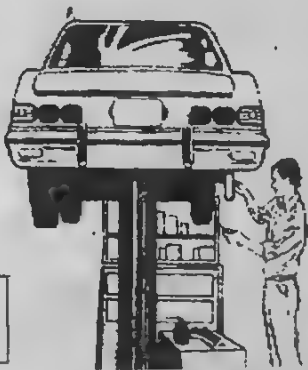
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COACH MARY MURRAY and her 1996 girls' varsity soccer captains (photo left) - Carrie Janik, Kristen Patterson, and Melissa Troie. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, senior class members on the varsity - Sara Cote, Cindi Alfano, Carrie Janik, Melissa Troie, Rita Reshamwala, Tara Grealis, and Danielle DiStefano. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.

Powerful West Side Deals Brownies 5-2 Loss In Girls' Soccer Opener

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The nightcap Tuesday at Harmon Smith saw the Agawam High girls' soccer team go up against West Springfield and fall 5-2. If just the traditional rivalry wasn't enough, West Side came in off a fine 16-2-3 1995 season that saw them go win the Western Mass Division I playoffs. Agawam had a 7-9-1 record and are looking to regain a tournament berth in 1996.

Both teams started out fast, mostly due to their athletic dislike for each other (that had the adrenaline flowing long before the opening whistle). Junior midfielders Kristen Patterson and Almee Loudfoot started off for Agawam with some solid rushes and expert ballhandling.

West Side had some chances, but their shots on the Brownie goal were weak or didn't reach their target at all. Then with 2½ minutes gone, the Terriers' Heather Klorer got off a shot that wasn't weak by any means, giving them a 1-0 lead. West Side was spending a lot of time in the Brownie zone around the 30-minute mark. Melissa Cote and Patterson were continually leading a charge to take the pressure off the Agawam zone. But their efforts were being jammed by the Terrier midfielders.

After a while, Agawam started dumping passes into the West Side zone, then chasing them in. It wasn't a wise move because their defenders were caught far downfield and then found themselves chasing the West Side forwards who'd raced by them. That mistake led to the second Terrier score — a 15-footer by Kristy Eppolito with an assist from Becky Borsari.

One Brownie who ignored the early West Side lead was Gina Loudfoot (sister of Almee). The freshman forward has good speed and a warrior's heart. She hustled from the opening whistle to lights out. She was one of the few Brownies in the first half who seemed to be able to penetrate the enemy zone. Her teammates just couldn't get the ball to her.

West Side, at the 15:23 mark, felt comfortable playing some bootball of their own, feeling perhaps it was the easiest way to sit on their 2-0 lead. That tactic made the Brownies get a little sloppy again. And they paid the price. The Terriers racked up another score with 14:28 to go. It was a high shot off the crossbar that bounced back onto the field and turned into an easy, 20-foot put away.

Things Looking Glum For AHS...

With things now standing at 3-0, West Side, things were looking mighty glum for the home-standing Brownies. The faithful on hand, more than 300 in all, were getting edge. Some of that edge was taken off when Loudfoot took the ball at 5:53 and raced like a thoroughbred down the left wing. She had the Terrier defense behind her and took the shot from 40 feet away. The keeper saved it but couldn't handle the rebound, which went to Patterson, who dropped it off to Cindi Alfano (10 feet out) for Agawam's first goal of the game. It was a bang-bang hustle type of play, set up by the hustling Loudfoot.

West Side wasn't impressed. They hit again with 2:42 on the clock, and owned a 4-1 lead at the half. They had nine first-half shots on net as opposed to five for Agawam.

Whatever adjustments the two teams made at halftime, seemed to result in a general slowdown in play to start the second half. Agawam was getting a little more time in the West Side zone. But they were still booting the ball and following it in. When they did get a shot on the Terrier net, more often than not it was off the mark.

The waiting game was shattered at 23:40. West Side had a corner kick from the right side. The ball sailed in front of the Agawam net. In the scramble to clear it, the ball bounced off Loudfoot and in for an "own goal" score. There was nothing she could do. As her teammates said later, "It can happen to anybody."

Agawam would score one more time with 2:50 remaining. Dianna DiStefano put it into the right corner from 30 feet out. Patterson got the assist.

For the game, Agawam wound up with eight shots on goal. West Side had 12.

Brownie Coach Mary Murray noted after she'd had a chance to talk with her kids, "I was a lot happier with the second half than the way we played in the first. Actually, we came out with a tie if you look at it that way."

She singled out the play of junior defender Jill DeMarco and Loudfoot as high points in the evening.

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SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1996 Agawam High School varsity field hockey team, from left - Pam Eaton, Jessica Couture, Jen Stratton, Amy Bilodeau, Annie Bianca, Jill Pavelcsyk, Tara Bowler, Becki Budreau, Jessica Perry, Kim Koehler, and goalie Andrea Nolan (front). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NEW VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY COACH Carla Warner with her two 1996 senior captains - Amy Bilodeau and Annie Bianca. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Field Hockey Opens '96 Season With A Bang - 3-3 Stunner Vs. Southwick

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you were coming off a losing field hockey season (6-7-6 in 1995), lost your entire defense to graduation, and were about to work under a new coach, you might be ready for some surprises.

Add to that the fact that you are opening up your new campaign against Southwick High, the two-time sectional champion and 1995 state finalist — also the Southern Division champs who were coming in with a 2-1 win the day before over tough Athol (last year's Northern Division champs — and you might just be in for some revelations.

The Agawam field hockey team did indeed get a revelation and a huge surprise. They tied the powerful Rams at AHS, 3-3, on Tuesday afternoon. And, saints preserve us, they could have won it. New Brownie Coach Carla Warner said before it started, "We can't look back to last season. (Former) Coach Cindy Grieve gave me some talent. Let's work with it." And work with it she did.

Agawam started out fast, with an immediate rush down the right wing by junior Stefanie Fleming. Once she got it into the right wing zone, Jen Stratton and Allison Pratt helped her keep it there for a while. Their pressure kept Southwick from getting a clean clear-out. And when they did, Amy Bilodeau showed up to intercept and send the ball back into the Rams' zone.

With nine minutes gone, Southwick finally got its passing game going. Star forward Kelly Baranowski and linemate Melissa Rodgers started a rush of their own. Agawam, however,

was up to the passing game, which is a trademark of Southwick field hockey. And some nice stick work by Bilodeau, Annie Bianca, and Fleming got the ball out of harm's way and back into the Ram zone.

The Southwick strikers, who are usually active in their game plan, were a step slow to the ball. The Brownies took quick advantage of that with continued pressure and picked off passes. Halfway through the first 30 minutes, Agawam was outplaying Southwick on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

With six minutes left in the half, a Brownie rush saw two quick, dead-on, 10-foot shots on the Ram goal. Two fine saves prevented Agawam from ringing up a score.

Time was running out in the half when Melissa Rogers, by way of a corner shot and an assist off the stick of Barnowski, beat Brownie keeper Andrea Nolan (low right) from 15 feet in front. That score came with 2:40 to go.

The goal seemed to put some charge into the Rams. They spent the rest of the time peppering the Agawam goal. But the defense in front of Nolan picked off shot after shot. The half ended 1-0, Southwick.

They had six shots on the Brownie goal. Agawam, which should have gotten more for their efforts, could only manage two on the Ram net.

A "Still Fired Up" Southwick Team...

Southwick was still fired up when it came out for the second 30 minutes. With seven minutes

gone, they swarmed the Brownie goal. But great "D" by senior Tara Bowler, Stratton, and junior Melissa Berry took the kick out of the Rams in short order.

But Southwick (a team that has not lost a division game since 1993) wins on continued pressure from every part of an opponent's zone. With 11 minutes gone, midfielder Kasey Ramah shot into a screen from 30 feet out. Her unassisted goal put the Rams up 2-0.

Many teams playing the division champs might have folded their tents then and there. Maybe Southwick thought that would be just what the Brownies were considering. They didn't punch out. They punched in and over a span of roughly four minutes, they roughed up the Rams with three gut-check goals.

The first came with 13 minutes left in the game. Annie Bianca blasted one in from 18 feet out front from the midst of a melee. Later, the senior was all smiles. "That was the first goal of my career."

If it shocked Southwick, the visitors hid their emotions well. Agawam, however, suddenly came alive. Two minutes later, they caught the Rams back on their heels again. Melissa Berry, Allison Pratt, and Fleming rushed the right side and set up senior midfielder Jill Pavelcsyk. She rapped it home to tie the score at 2-2. Southwick suddenly began to unravel, a sight not common when facing Agawam.

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Women's Softball Ends On A High Note

Women's softball in Agawam for 1996 ended on a very positive note on Friday, August 23rd. For those who did not attend and apparently not too many, they missed a party and meal that was second to none.

Everyone leaving the West Springfield Fish and Game Club on Garden Street late that evening was smiling and very happy. The smiles and good feelings that were felt that evening did not necessarily evolve from the beverages that were served, although there were many.

"Those feelings started early," noted Nora Vinton of the Bad News Bears. One of the reasons for this was that the tables in the hall were set up so as to provide communication and intimacy between all the teams.

Isn't that one of the intentions of an awards banquet at the end of a season? Bury the hatchet, bygones are bygones, we are not playing for a million dollars, and aren't we all friends anyway?

This year's banquet (the idea for which was born at one of the many blacktop parties held this year) began with munchies, etc. Conversation was abundant as more and more team members and guests began to show up. Organizers of the event — Bobbi Lou Fouques and Linda & Larry Wilson — worked frantically but not out of control to keep things reasonable on time. They managed to recruit some of their friends in the league to pitch in to husk corn, etc., and make a lettuce run that someone forgot.

Co-members of the club — Kenny Campbell and Pete Lockhart — found time to chase for the immense grill used to barbecue the absolutely fantastic steaks (thank you, Christine) and fire up the huge corn steamer. Somewhere in the kitchen, melting away with the heat, was TJ's coach preparing the salad and baked potatoes. Some very concerned people somehow managed to keep him cooled down, although no one is saying how.

Meals were served almost on time, and then it was time to get on with the business at hand. Trophies had to be given to the teams that earned them.

Kathy D'Augustino, representing Southworth Co., graciously accepted the trophy for third place. A trophy went to Bobbie's Bistro for fourth place. TJ's Sporthouse earned a hard-fought-for trophy for second place, with sponsor Tony Veilloux accepting.

The first-place trophy went Cocchi's Marketing, as Brenda Lamagdelein accepted the well-earned award. She and her team shouted and applauded an awful lot; this was well-deserved as most everyone else expressed the same sentiment.

A raffle was held immediately after, offering 50/50 and prizes donated by TJ's, Riverside Park, Williams Distributing, and others. Many prizes were awarded and accepted, but the grand prize — the 50/50 cash prize — emphasized the theme of this banquet and league.

In overwhelming support, the entire cash total was awarded to the children's education fund of Kay Fitzgerald's kids. They were left behind when Kay (who played for many years with Cocchi's Marketing) lost her life in a traffic accident.

In accepting the money, Brenda of Cocchi's announced that in following years, there will be a softball tournament dedicated to Kay's memory, with the funds collected going to the same educational fund. Surely this league, being as gracious and friendly as they showed that night, will support this effort.

What better way to end a good season for this competitive league than to offer this kind of support for a fellow competitor who is no longer with us.

May this league go upward and onward, keeping in mind that competition is and should be fun. May we all remember that none of us is here forever, but if we do it right, one trip is enough!

Dal Molin Committee Plans Golf Tourney

The Thomas Dal Molin Scholarship Committee will be holding its Third Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 15th with tee times starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Agawam Country Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The cost for the event is \$65 and includes golf, a cart, prizes, lunch at the ninth hole, and a complete dinner at Ferruccio's (across from Riverside Park in Agawam). The price of dinner alone is \$22.

A Tee or Green can be sponsored for \$25. Anyone interested in sponsoring, donating, or participating in the tournament can call Kip (786-9773) or Mary Lou (786-1959) for more information.

Thomas DalMolin was an Agawam High School graduate who passed away in 1992 from a brain tumor. Since that time, the money raised at the Hockey and Golf Tournaments have been awarded to Agawam High School graduates who have participated in high school hockey, soccer, or golf.



AT THE ANNUAL SEASON-ENDING dinner for the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League on Friday, August 23rd at the Fish & Game Club on Garden Street (top photo), Brenda Lamagdelein accepts for the first place trophy for Cocchi's Marketing. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, league members help out with cooking corn before the meal is served.



Brownies Heading Into Tough Terrain In Grid Opener Vs. 'Hamp Blue Devils

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam head football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had to smile. "We've got an inexperienced team this year, but if they continue to improve as they've done in practice, they'll be okay. And I think we can improve on our 4-6 record last year." He paused, then added, "We're going to get a good read on this team Friday night when we open at Northampton."

Coach Vec is right. 'Hamp is loaded and there is a good chance they'll pull the trigger on the Brownies. Last year, at Agawam the Blue Devils won, 26-16. But Vec was quick to point out that his club led late into the third quarter before a 'Hamp score started to turn things around. "But for that run (63 yards), we could have easily won that game."

They'll have to stop a potent Northampton offense to have a chance of winning this time around. Senior quarterback Jeremy Tudryn, who hurt them with that run last year, is a threat. Fullback John Geryk (6'1" 210 lbs.) blocks like

former Brownie Dom Pisano. Senior running back and end Marc Patillo (6' 175 lbs.) has 4.6 speed. They have a veteran defensive line, anchored by Marty Weimann (6'5" 255 lbs.) that averages 215 pounds per man. And their secondary is a veteran group that is perhaps one of the best in the area.

"We'll play basic 'I' formation football against them. There will be nothing fancy. We'll try and take advantage of every opportunity they give us," Coach Vec observed.

To win this time, the coach also feels he'll have to use some psychology. "I have to keep the kids up and positive and sell the program to them. I feel they have enough talent to play with anybody, including Northampton."

The Blue Devils are in the Suburban League. So a Brownie win, or loss, won't hurt their chances in the Double A Conference. But a victory would certainly do wonders for their confidence.

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Two minutes after her first score, Pavelcsyk lit it up again for goal number two and a 3-2 Brownie lead.

It was a situation where Southwick rarely finds itself. Given everything they had against a stiff Agawam defense, they fought into the Brownie zone. Nolan was seeing point-blank shots, which she handled well like the experienced senior keeper she is. At the 6:40 mark, Southwick found a little bit of the magic that has made them champions. Baranowski slapped a shot which Nolan stopped. But the rebound dribbled out front and Amber Ronzoni flipped it home to tie it at three.

However, that was all the magic the Rams

could conjure up. The Brownie "D" shut them down the rest of the way and the team came away with a tie that will, without a doubt, add much prestige to their program.

Warner noted that her Brownies did the two things she'd asked them to do: "Shoot the ball and get to it before the Rams could." They came through on both counts.

Nolan (15 saves), though a bit disappointed with the tie, couldn't overlook Agawam's furious comeback that gave them a chance at the win. She added, "We knew they were going to shoot a lot. They do that against everyone."

One note offered by ex-Brownie Coach Cindy Grieve: "We've never beaten or even tied Southwick before. And we've never scored that many goals on them, either," she smiled.

Todd Griffen Ends Bicycle Hillclimb At Mt. Washington

On August 24th, former Agawam resident Todd Griffen (AHS's class of 1981) competed in the 24th annual Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb.

He pedaled his two-wheeler up the 7.6 mile "Torture Track" in one hour, 13 minutes, and 35 seconds — only 16 minutes off the course record. He finished 28th out of 292 starters and 12th out of 69 in his age group. In doing so, he powered his way past 100 or so other cyclists after starting way back in the pack due to his "first" time in the race status.

This effort was especially satisfying for Todd because he did so well in this one after the frustration of having the two previous years' races cancelled at the last minute due to weather problems. (Imagine that ... sleet and snow around Labor Day!)

Many people get tired just driving their cars to the Mt. Washington summit, but Todd is looking forward to attempting a faster ascent next year. And why not? The 4,727 elevation gain is only three times that of Mt. Tom, so it should be a piece of cake — right?

Best of luck and hope for a repeat of perfect weather next year.

Todd is the son of Robert and Doris Griffen of Oxford Street, Agawam.



FORMER AGAWAM RESIDENT and 1981 graduate Todd Griffen recently competed in the 24th Annual Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb. He two-wheeled up the 7.6 mile "torture track" in 1:13.35.



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Simmons (Beautyrest) is sponsoring a team from its Agawam facility captained by Arnie Madore. This team will be competitive with a blend of youth and experience.

Shot Block is a highly skilled team that has a returning core from last year's champs, "Spartans." Captained by veteran Mark Langevin, this

team will predictably be tough to beat.

Southwick will be captained by "Spartan" veteran Bob Walters featuring a team largely new to the league. This team will show experience and power quarterbacked by precision setting.

Sponsorless is a surprisingly talented team made up of experienced "teamless" players who have banded to form their own roster. Mike Dimauro captains this team boasting the largest roster in the league, and one that will prove exciting to watch!

The league consists of nine weeks of regular season matches held Tuesdays/Thursdays at the High School's main gym from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Watch *The AAN* weekly to track the standings!)

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Oak Ridge Golf Club To Be Site Of March Of Dimes Golf Tournament

The Sixth Annual Greater Springfield March of Dimes Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 26th, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Proceeds from the Golf Tournament will benefit the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies by way of research, public and professional education, community service and advocacy. Local grants have been given to the Women's Health Connections at the Spanish American Union and the VNA's Maternal Child Health Program Collaborative with the Black Men of Greater Springfield community organization and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

The Tournament is a four-person scramble with

a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. United Industrial Service, Inc. of Agawam is the Premier Sponsor; WGGB-TV News40 and 94.7 FM WMAS are the media sponsors. Teddy Bear Pool and Fran Johnson's Nevada Bob's are sponsoring the two Holes-in-One. A wide range of additional sponsorship opportunities are still available.

The \$100 entry fee for the tournament includes green and cart fees, lunch, refreshments on the course, photos of foursomes, banquet and prizes. A raffle and silent auction will be held after dinner.

The field is limited to 144 golfers and there are some spots still available. If you would like to participate as either a golfer or a sponsor, please call the March of Dimes at 788-9775.

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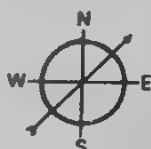
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Outdoor Writer

Fall Is Fast Approaching!

You don't need a calendar to know that fall is fast approaching. The leaves are turning yellow and the aquatic weeds are starting to die off. Hunting season is fast approaching, and the fall migration of stripers and bluefish will begin shortly. So many opportunities — so little time!

S.Y.C.C. CATFISH DERBY IS BIG SUCCESS

The Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club on River Road in Agawam hosted its First Annual Catfish Derby last Saturday night. Contestants fished from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Top honors went to Todd Servis. Todd collected the \$200 first-place money and a handsome trophy with a 6½-pound channel cat. All fish were released alive after the weigh-in.

Wind and rain proved to be a handicap to those of us who stayed the course through the night. A shallow water pattern proved to be the winning ticket, as the winning fish came out of 18 inches of water.

HUNTING SEASON UPDATE

The following information is from the abstracts of the 1996 fish and game laws published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HUNTING

OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)
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Species	Open season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
Crow ¹	Jan 1 - Apr 10 Jul 1 - Apr 10, 1997	-	-	-
Turkey ²	Spring: May 6 - May 25 Fall: Nov 11 - Nov 16	1 1 1	1 1 1	1
Ruffed Grouse ³	Oct 19 - Nov 30	3	6	15
Pheasant ⁴	Oct 19 - Nov 30	2	4	6
Quail ⁵	Oct 19 - Nov 30	4	8	20
Waterfowl / migratory birds (including woodcock) see migratory bird abstracts.				
Snowshoe Hare ⁶	Eastern Zone: Jan 1 - Feb 5 Oct 19 - Feb 5, 1997 Western Zone: Jan 1 - Feb 29 Oct 19 - Feb 28, 1997 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan 1 - Feb 5 Nov 15 - Feb 5, 1997	2 4	-	-

Cottontail Rabbit	Mainland: Jan 1 - Feb 29 Oct 19 - Feb 28, 1997 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan 1 - Feb 29 Nov 15 - Feb 28, 1997	5 10	-
Opossum ⁷	Jan 1 - Jan 31 Oct 1 - Jan 31, 1997	-	-
Raccoon ⁷	Jan 1 - Jan 31 Oct 1 - Jan 31, 1997	3	-
Fox (red or gray)	Jan 1 - Feb 29 Nov 1 - Feb 28, 1997	-	-
Coyote ⁸	Jan 1 - Feb 29 Nov 1 - Feb 28, 1997	-	-
Bobcat ⁹	Jan 1 - Mar 8 Dec 20 - Mar 8, 1997	See Note #9	
Gray Squirrel ¹⁰	Eastern Zone: Oct 19 - Jan 2, 1997 Western Zone: Sep 9 - Jan 2, 1997	5 10	-
Jackrabbit ¹¹	Nov 15 - Dec 31	1	2
Black Bear ¹²	Sep 9 - Sep 14 Nov 18 - Nov 23	See note #12	
Deer (archery) ¹³	Nov 4 - Nov 23	1	2
Deer (shotgun) ¹³	Zones 1 - 11: Dec 2 - Dec 14 Zones 12 - 14: Dec 2 - Dec 7	1	
Deer (primitive firearm) ¹³	Dec 16 - Dec 18	1	
Bullfrog, Green frog ¹⁴	Jul 16 - Sep 30	12 24	-
Snapping Turtle ¹⁴	Jan 1 - Dec 31	-	-

Seasons CLOSED during shotgun deer season - **ALL** hunting seasons except waterfowl are closed from Dec. 2 to Dec. 14 in deer zones 1-11 and from Dec. 2 to Dec. 7 in deer zones 12-14.

FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes as well as Hampton Ponds are churning up some quality largemouth bass. Buzz baits and spinnerbaits are still taking their share of decent fish. Crank baits of the deep diving variety are also scoring well.

Connecticut River smallmouth action continues unabated. Size 9 Rapalla in silver finish and small plastic worms, along with four-inch Slug-gos, have all been producing. The Oxbow section above the Holyoke Dam continues to produce some largemouth in the three-pound-plus category, along with keeper sized Northern pike. Plastic worms rigged Texas style (with the slip sinker pegged with a toothpick) have been hot around the lily pads.

Valley streams continue to suffer low water conditions, but recent rains may bring the levels and fishing opportunities back to normal. Fall stocking should begin shortly.

SALT WATER

Stripers are everywhere along the coast. In-shore rips have produced some keepers. Parachute jigs worked on wire line have been producing, as well as anglers tossing top-water plugs to surface feeding fish.

Porgies are prevalent in 30 to 50 feet of water at Bartlett's Reef outside of Niantic, as well as some decent fluke. Clam chunks three-wayed on an incoming and outgoing tide seem to do the trick.

Blue fish action has been spotty, but some jump-bos have been taken in the rips off Black Point between Old Lyme and Niantic. Look for tidal rips and fish the up-tide sides of the rip lines. Top-water action on 15- to 18-pound blues can be real excitement.

Players Needed For Rec. Dept. Men's Volleyball League

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is looking for a few more participants to complete the roster for a team in the Men's Volleyball League.

Any male 18 years or older (and out of high school) who would like to play volleyball on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., should contact the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

Openings Available In Div. I/Under 11 Pioneer Valley Soccer

There are currently openings still available for the fall season in the Division I/Under age 11 Pioneer Valley Soccer League.

To be eligible, prospective players must have turned 11 years of age after August 1, 1996. Recreation team players are welcome.

For more information, call Joe at 739-1644.

Piranha Swim Team Planning Sign-Ups On September 18th

The Agawam Piranha Competitive Swim Team (ages five through 18) will hold sign-ups on Thursday, September 19th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

For more information about the fall swim program, please call Steve Adamski at 789-2451.

Berkshire Power Has Golf Tourney Sept. 14

The Second Annual Berkshire Power/Agawam High School Athletic Department Golf Fundraiser will take place on September 14th at the Agawam Country Club. The tournament will utilize a shotgun format beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The tournament is limited to 144 golfers. The cost is \$40 (same as last year) and includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a cookout. Gifts will be given to all participants. There is a closest to the pin and longest drive contest as well.

Hole sponsorships and raffle prizes are being sought. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Any raffle prizes may be dropped off at Agawam High School.

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Site: High School

Sept. 18th: Ludlow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 20th: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 24th: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 26th: West Springfield (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 30th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 2nd: Central (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 8th: Ludlow (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 9th: Westfield (Home - 4:00).
 Oct. 14th: Longmeadow (Home - 11:00).
 Oct. 18th: Cathedral (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 22nd: Minnechaug (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 23rd: Central (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 24th: Westfield (Away - 4:00).
 Oct. 28th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:00).

JV/Varsity Girls' Soccer

Sept. 18th: Ludlow (Away - 5:30/7:00).
 Sept. 20th: Holyoke (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 24th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 26th: West Springfield (Away - 5:30/7:00).
 Sept. 30th: Minnechaug (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 2nd: Central (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 4th: Chicopee (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 9th: Westfield (H/A - 4:00/7:00).
 Oct. 11th: Wahconah (Home - 4:00).
 Oct. 14th: Longmeadow (Away - 11:00 a.m.).
 Oct. 18th: Cathedral (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 18th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 22nd: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 24th: Westfield (A/H - 4:00/7:00).
 Oct. 28th: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:00).

JV/Varsity Boys' Soccer

Site: High School

Sept. 13th: Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 17th: Westfield (H/A - 4:00/7:00).
 Sept. 19th: Minnechaug (Home - 5:00/6:30).
 Sept. 23rd: Ludlow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 25th: Central (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 27th: West Springfield (Home - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 1st: Chicopee (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 3rd: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 7th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 11th: Amherst (Away - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 15th: Westfield (A/H - 4:00/7:00).
 Oct. 17th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 21st: Chicopee (Home - 5:30/7:00).

Oct. 23rd: Chicopee Comp (Home - 5:30/7:00).
 Oct. 25th: Holyoke (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 28th: West Springfield (Away - 5:30/7:00).

Varsity Football

Site: Harmon Smith Field

Sept. 13th: Northampton (Away - 7:00).
 Sept. 20th: Chicopee (Away - 7:00).
 Oct. 4th: Minnechaug (Home - 7:00).
 Oct. 11th: Holyoke (Away - 7:00).
 Oct. 18th: South Hadley (Home - 7:00).
 Oct. 25th: Westfield (Home - 7:00).
 Nov. 1st: Central (Home - 7:00).
 Nov. 8th: Cathedral (Home - 7:00).
 Nov. 15th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 7:00).
 Nov. 28th: West Springfield (Away - 10:00 a.m.).

Freshman Football

Site: Phelps School

Sept. 20th: Chicopee (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 4th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 11th: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 18th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 25th: Westfield (Away - 3:30).
 Nov. 1st: Central (Away - 3:00).
 Nov. 8th: Cathedral (Away - 3:00).
 Nov. 15th: Chicopee Comp (Home - 3:00).

JV/Varsity Field Hockey

Site: High School

Sept. 13th: Northampton (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 20th: South Hadley (Away - 3:15).
 Sept. 23rd: Mohawk (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 24th: Westfield (Home - 3:15).
 Sept. 30th: Longmeadow (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 2nd: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 4th: West Springfield (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 7th: Minnechaug (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 9th: Westfield (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 11th: Southwick (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 16th: Longmeadow (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 18th: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 21st: South Hadley (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 22nd: West Springfield (Home - 3:15).
 Oct. 24th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:15).

Freshman Field Hockey

Site: High School

Oct. 2nd: East Longmeadow (Away - 3:15).
 Oct. 18th: East Longmeadow (Home - 3:15).

Gymnastics

Site: High School

Sept. 27th: Gateway (Home - 6:00).
 Oct. 2nd: Wahconah (Away - 6:00).
 Oct. 9th: Minnechaug (Home - 6:00).
 Oct. 16th: Pittsfield (Away - 6:00).
 Oct. 22nd: Monument Mountain and Hampshire (At Monument Mountain - 6:00).
 Oct. 29th: South Hadley and Chicopee Comp (At South Hadley - 6:00).
 Nov. 6th: Amherst (Home - 6:00).
 Nov. 13th: Westfield (Home - 6:00).
 Nov. 15th: PVIAC (TBA - 6:00).
 Nov. 22nd: Sectionals (TBA - 6:00).

Freshman Boys' Soccer

Site: High School

Sept. 13th: Longmeadow (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 17th: Westfield (Home - 4:00).
 Sept. 19th: Minnechaug (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 23rd: Ludlow (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 25th: Central (Home - 3:30).
 Sept. 27th: West Springfield (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 1st: Chicopee (Home - 3:30).
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 Oct. 25th: Holyoke (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 28th: West Springfield (Home - 3:00).

JV Football

Site: Phelps School

Sept. 16th: Northampton (Away - 3:30).
 Sept. 23rd: Chicopee (Away - 3:30).
 Oct. 7th: Minnechaug (Home, Harmon Smith Field, High School - 3:30).
 Oct. 14th: Holyoke (Away - 10:30 a.m.).
 Oct. 21st: South Hadley (Home - 3:30).
 Oct. 28th: Westfield (Home - 3:30).
 Nov. 4th: Central (Home, Harmon Smith Field, High School - 3:00).
 Nov. 11th: Cathedral (Home, Harmon Smith Field, High School - 11:00 a.m.).
 Nov. 18th: Chicopee Comp (Away - 3:00).



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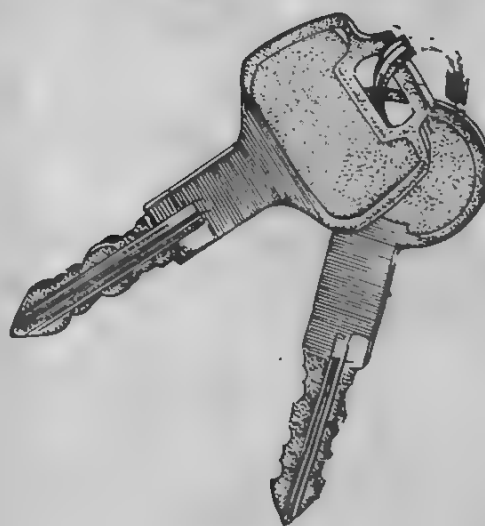
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